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Think Smart



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The contract

- Ends 31st December 2010
- £1.1m
- Just in Somerset



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Think Smart operates **alongside** Train to Gain and offers additional funding opportunities.

Objectives

- To provide funding for WB learners which is not covered by Train to Gain
- Support those WB learners who are funded by TtG to achieve qualifications



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Learner Eligibility

- Employed
- Self employed
- Aged 19+ years (16+ apprentices)
- Working or living in Somerset

Business Eligibility

- SMEs, i.e. less than 250FT equivalent Employees (not public sector)
- If business is part of a larger group, can be considered SME if acts autonomously, e.g. produces own accounts



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Project Funded (not TtG)

Funding is available for

- Notional Level 2, Level 3 & Level 4 qualifications
- Full Level 4's that cannot be funded through Train to Gain
- Learners with difficulties undertaking 2 units at level 2
- Any other qualifications that do not fall within the main Train to Gain contract



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All qualifications must be on the Learning Aims Database



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Available for:

- NVQ - Part-taught/part-assessed qualifications,
- Taught courses.

Not available for:

- Part qualifications



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Further support to help improve success rates



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The Smart Business Coaching Programme



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Coach Training

- Coaches will be trained to achieve a L3 qualification
- Coaches should be recruited in-company
- Coaching will clearly link education and outcomes to business performance
- Each coach that qualifies will attract funding (£600.00)



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Learner Coaching

- All TtG learners on this project should be coached
- Coaching is also available for all 16+ years, i.e. project funded learners
- Each learner who achieves and is coached will attract additional funding (£100.00 on achievement)



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Additional Support



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- Available for Learners on Train to Gain only
- Funding is available for a wide range of support



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Pick up a suggested list but remember-

The list is not exhaustive and we will
consider anything that will help a
learner achieve