

New Skills for Life dissemination booklets

A series of four booklets that aim to capture some of the experiences, learning and key messages of providers involved in the Skills for Life Improvement Programme between 2006 and 2007 are being developed.

Over 800 providers from a range of settings have participated in different elements of the programme. Common to all is a shared commitment to improving the quality of their provision, thereby improving the learning experience for all learners and contributing to their greater achievement and success.

The four titles in the series are:

- **Improving Learner Success by Embedding Literacy, Language and Numeracy**
- **Improving Quality through a Whole Organisation Approach to Skills for Life**



- **Working in Partnership for Quality Improvement in Skills for Life**
- **Professional Development Planning for Building Staff Teams**

The dissemination booklets will be available to download from the Skills for Life Improvement Programme website (www.sflip.org.uk/resources).

New resource films for Skills for Life trainers and practitioners

The Skills for Life Improvement Programme has created a new set of three short films that demonstrate ways in which Skills for Life is taught in three different contexts.

The films focus is on how literacy, language and numeracy skills can be developed alongside vocational or other subject areas and therefore in a context of direct interest and relevance to learners.

Two of the films, 'Construction with embedded ESOL' and 'Literacy for sport' show examples of embedded Skills for Life; that is, they bring together the language and literacy skills development and vocational aspects of the courses. The third film, 'Numeracy for kitchen design', represents a contextualised rather than

embedded approach in that the key aims are to improve learners' numeracy skills. Nevertheless, these are taught in a context that will appeal to the target group of adult learners and the approach shares many of the benefits of an embedded approach.

Who is it for?

The three films will be particular interest to teacher trainers as they provide a rich resource for promoting discussion and reflection on effective teaching. They will also be of interest to staff teams or individuals, whether they are literacy, language and numeracy specialists or vocational teachers who have a similar interest in developing their own skills and knowledge.

For example, the films can be used:

- for CPD for Skills for Life or vocational teachers
- in initial teacher education for teaching in the post-16 sector
- in quality improvement, to moderate observation and

discuss grading, and as part of developing a whole organisation approach to demonstrate cooperation between vocational and Skills for Life teams.

DVD and booklet

The films have subtitles and also an auditory navigation option and are available on a single DVD. An accompanying booklet explains the background to the films, provides the session plans and extracts from schemes of work, and poses some questions to consider during or after viewing.



The DVD and accompanying booklet will be available from the Skills for Life Improvement Programme website (www.sflip.org.uk/resources) or by email at sflipinfo@cfbt.com or from the Skills for Life Improvement office.