

Skills for Life Improvement Programme 2008–09

Register now!

The Skills for Life Improvement Programme will continue for a third year in 2008-09. Register your interest now.

National support for Skills for Life has been available over a number of years. In year 3 the support will be prioritised for learning providers who:

- are new to LSC
- provide learning for offenders in the secure estate and/or in the community
- provide workplace learning under Train to Gain contracts
- are trying to broaden their appeal to those who are not currently engaged in education, training or work
- are helping learners to improve their employability
- employability training
- workplace learning, as part of Train to Gain
- learning while in custody of HMPS, YOI or under the supervision of the Probation Services.

... and learners who are in education and/or training, are functioning below level 2 in literacy, language or numeracy, and are engaged in one of the following:

Further details of the support offer will be available once finalised. To register your interest in the Skills for Life Improvement Programme email your details to sflipinfo@cfbt.com

Excellence Gateway :

helping providers develop an embedded approach to Skills for Life

The Excellence Gateway is the complete online service for everyone working in the further education system in England. It brings together and showcases a wide range of resources (both nationally and user generated) from the sector.

Providers working to improve success rates by ensuring high quality support for all learners who have literacy, language and numeracy needs, can find a wealth of resources to support main aspects of their work.

These include resources and guidance to support leaders and managers working towards a whole organisation approach

to embedding Skills for Life and materials to help Skills for Life and vocational tutors embed Skills for Life into teaching and learning. Sector specific materials are also available, for example, to support managers and practitioners working in the voluntary and community sector, working with offenders or perhaps those delivering Skills for Life in the workplace.

The Excellence Gateway provides information on current Skills for Life programmes and services with useful resources including direct support that may be relevant to provider organisations.

'The Excellence Gateway is a superb resource for any provider involved with Skills for Life, particularly those looking for initial help in embedding Skills for Life within their organisations. From the autumn we will be adding new resources to enhance the existing materials and to further support you in embedding Skills for Life,' said Rob Pheasant, Programme Development Manager, Skills for Life. Rob expands on the benefits of using the Excellence Gateway in a short video within the EGTV section (improvement tag): <http://egtv.excellence.qia.org.uk/>

Editor's note: A wide range of resources produced as part of the Skills for Life Strategy are also available on the Improvement Programme website: www.sflip.org.uk/resources