

SURREY LIFELONG LEARNING PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

On 11th June 2010 Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership held its annual conference. Over 60 delegates heard inspiring talks from Mark Ravenhall, Associate Director of NIACE and Martin Yarnit, the prime mover behind Adult Learners' Week who is currently supporting NIACE on the national learning champions programme. Strategic updates were presented by the Skills Funding Agency and Surrey County Council, and in the afternoon delegates debated what



they felt should be included in a new Adult Learning Plan for Surrey. All individual feedback and discussion points captured on flipcharts during the afternoon have been compiled and the summary report is available to download at <http://www.surreyllp.org.uk/conference2010>

This information was presented to the Surrey Adult Learning Transition Group on Monday 21st June and forms the first stage of identifying a format and potential content for an Adult Learning Plan. See page 3 for your next opportunity to have your say on this important plan. If you have any information you would like to feed into the planning process, please contact Cass Hardy at Surrey County Council (see page 3 for contact details).

ESOL & THE ADULT LEARNING PLAN

Earlier this year, Surrey County Council developed a Plan which outlined ESOL provision delivered across the county and identified a number of priorities for future ESOL delivery in Surrey. The requirement for Local Authorities to develop discrete ESOL Plans has since been lifted and ESOL will now form a part of the wider Adult Learning Plans required by the Skills Funding Agency.

We are mindful of the fact that a great deal of work went into the Surrey ESOL Plan and view it as a crucial starting point for our Adult Learning Plan for Surrey. We intend to consult partners on the ESOL priorities as part of the formal consultation planned for later this year and look forward to working closely with you to build on the very positive work already achieved within the ESOL Plan.

MIGRATION IMPACTS FUND ESOL AVAILABILITY IN SURREY

Surrey Community Action is offering Free ESOL classes in 5 venues in Surrey: Merstham, Sheerwater, Epsom, Epsom Downs and West Molesey. These classes are running up to the end of July and hopefully, depending on funding, in September for the next academic year. They are also offering IT classes in Woking and Merstham and the next enrolment will be for September 2010.

These classes are funded by the Migration Impacts Fund and are open to any black and minority ethnic communities as well as refugees and asylum seekers. The learners' status regarding immigration/asylum will not exclude them from attending any courses.

For further information contact Allison Enenche on 01483 459292 x228 or email allisone@surreyca.org.uk

LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT & WORKLESSNESS ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION

Surrey County Council is consulting on a number of related pieces of work over the summer, with a common theme of economic development, on which your comments are sought. In particular, we are seeking comments on the evidence outlined in the various assessments and the strategic implications arising from them. If you are aware of further sources of information that might inform our work, please also tell us.

If you are aware of other organisations, businesses or individuals that might like to comment, forwarding on this message is positively encouraged. We are happy to provide the information in different formats upon request, as long as our capacity and resources permit.

The first piece of work to be released for consultation is a draft **Surrey Worklessness Assessment**, which can be viewed on the county council's website or at this shortcut: <http://tinyurl.com/surreyworklessness>

The covering note and introductory sections of the draft Worklessness Assessment provide further information on the policy context. For the purpose of this consultation, questions have been included in the text to elicit response, and are summarised at the start of the document. The assessment forms part of a wider Surrey Local Economic Assessment.

The **Local Economic Assessment (LEA)** is a statutory requirement under the 2009 Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act. Surrey Economic Partnership Ltd has been commissioned to produce this assessment in collaboration with Surrey County Council. In developing the document, over 150 people in the economic development and business community have already contributed knowledge and insight. An 'Emerging Findings' report will be released for consultation first by Friday 16 July, followed by the draft LEA itself by 31 July 2010. These documents will also be available on the Surrey County Council website or at this shortcut <http://tinyurl.com/surreylea>

The assessment will underpin the county council's priority to maintain economic success, and will help to ensure that the county council is better able to respond to future economic challenges. It will provide the foundation for the development of a 'New Business Plan for Surrey' and help develop a compelling case for Government, and other investment, in Surrey.

The deadline for all comments is 10 September 2010, although we welcome early submissions.

Please email all comments to ee@surreycc.gov.uk

CONTRACTS AWARDED TO DELIVER AN INTEGRATED ADULT CAREERS SERVICE

The Skills Funding Agency has announced the appointment of 12 organisations to deliver Next Step, a free integrated adult careers service in England from August. Next Step will make information, advice and resources available online as well as through advisers on the telephone and face to face, helping adults of all ages and at any stage in their lives, make the right choices about skills, careers and qualifications. In the South East Next Step will be delivered by VT Enterprise.

Debbie Francis, Head of Careers and Employability for VT Enterprise, said:

"VT Enterprise is excited to deliver the Next Step service across the South East. We have a long and successful track record of managing adult careers services in the region and have been actively preparing to deliver the integrated service. We will be able to support adults across the region by offering face to face careers and skills advice using highly qualified and experienced advisers. Our focus will be to offer labour market focused advice that allows adults to make informed choices about the pathways that are available to them and to support them as they progress in work and training"

SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY FUNDING PRIORITIES 2010-11

On June 17th 2010, Vince Cable, the Business Secretary, wrote to Geoff Russell, Chief Executive, Skills Funding Agency, outlining how government funding for 2010-11 should be spent; the letter can be viewed on the [Department for Business, Innovation and Skills website](#).

COMING SOON: ADULT LEARNING NETWORK MEETING

There will be a network meeting for providers of adult learning in November 2010 to update on progress. Dates to be confirmed shortly and details of the meeting will be circulated via Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership's mailing lists. If you do not currently receive mailings from the Learning Partnership please contact landrews@surreyllp.org.uk to be added to the mailing list.

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