

Nottinghamshire Training Network



Nottinghamshire Training Network Membership Benefits

Nottinghamshire Training Network (NTN) is a not-for-profit, membership-based organisation. Our network consists of local colleges, national training providers, local training providers, local authorities, support organisations and collaborative partners - all involved in delivering and supporting Work Based Learning (WBL).

We offer two distinct membership packages [Member](#) and [Partner](#) each with its own distinct benefits.

Member - £800

This is our most popular package and historically has been for organisations that work in the Education and Skills Sector, primarily in Work Based Learning (WBL). The package gives access to all NTN's membership services including opportunities to be involved in the delivery of subcontracted provision. Members also have access to a high level of support on areas such as 14-19, Subcontractor Management, Quality Improvement, Self Assessment Report (SAR) writing and working towards quality standards.

The package includes:

Tendering Opportunities

NTN regularly tenders for new opportunities, whether government funded initiatives or one off projects. NTN offers Members the opportunity to engage in these initiatives.

Contract/Subcontractor Management

NTN subcontracts the delivery of mainstream contracts and does not directly deliver – we consider ourselves a managing agent therefore we compliment rather than compete with our Members.

With the introduction on Minimum Contract Levels (MCL) through the Skills Funding Agency, some providers have been unable to access government funded contracts. NTN subcontracting arrangements would give Members the opportunity to access this funding.

NTN acts as the lead for all Provider Financial Assurance Audits (PFA) and Ofsted inspections – thus taking the burden off of the Subcontractor.

As part of the contract management process, NTN will audit, administrate and validate data on a monthly basis to ensure a successful upload to the funding body. Standardised documentation is provided to subcontractors to ensure that all contractual requirements are met when delivering provision on its contracts.

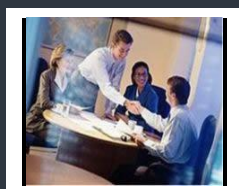
All NTN Subcontractors will have access to NTN hosted quarterly review meetings, updates on latest government thinking, information on changes to eligibility and funding and support with quality including Self Assessment Report validation. Subcontractors are also offered the opportunity to attend capacity building workshops specific to their needs.

To be eligible to deliver provision via a NTN subcontracting arrangement full Member status must be held.



Our Stakeholders

NTN staff
NTN Board
Our members
Our partners
Our learners
Our employers
Skills Funding
Agency
YPLA
NAS
Local Authorities
Local
communities



Training and Capacity Building Events

NTN organises a variety of training and capacity building events during the year. Members are able to influence topic areas. Examples from previous years include Training and Organisational Needs Analysis (TNA/ONA), Safeguarding, SAR workshops, Preparation for TQS Part A and Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for England workshops.

Members are able to attend 2 training events per year as part of this package. Access to other events is offered at a discount to members. Members are limited to 2 representatives at any one event, with any additional attendees being charged.

Marketing, promotion and raising the profile of Work Based Learning (WBL)

NTN attends and represents Members at various events and activities, including the 'What Next careers and opportunities fair' held each year at the Harvey Hadden Stadium in Nottingham with over 5000 parents and students visiting over the two day event. This is a fantastic event, jam-packed with information and advice for year 11 students and their families.

NTN is focused on promoting WBL to young people and employers on behalf of its Members that are unable to attend the events personally. We have extended our website to provide current information on developments within the network, key activities and useful documents such as access to support for Safeguarding and Equality and Diversity; the website also enables members to promote their organisation through case studies and web links.

Members will also be able to participate in shared marketing and promotional initiatives (video and DVD production, leaflets in languages other than English).

Access to the NTN Awards and Graduation Ceremony

NTN hosts the annual Awards and Graduation events for WBL. The formal 'Skills Graduation' is still the only one of its kind in the country, where Advanced Apprentices who have completed their full Advanced Apprenticeship Framework (Level 3), have the opportunity to attend a full cap and gown Graduation Ceremony to celebrate their achievement with friends, family and colleagues.

The Awards Evening is always, very well supported and is aimed at individuals who have been recognised as exceptional by their employer and/or the Training Provider. There are 10 different categories; Pre 16 Learner, Foundation Learning, Personal Achiever, Intermediate Apprentice, Advanced Apprentice, Progression, Employer, Training Provider, Train to Gain and Overall Winner. Members have the opportunity to be judges and can have learners, staff and themselves nominated for the awards.

E-bulletins (monthly)

The E-bulletin provides useful information on funding, developments, case studies, up and coming events, training, diary dates and provides an opportunity to showcase activities across the Network.

Webalerts (weekly)

The webalert provides up-to-the minute information on activities from a variety of sources including the Skills Funding Agency and other Members of the NTN.

Attendance at Network Meetings

NTN hold regular Network Meetings with guest speakers from the National Apprenticeship Service, Ofsted, Learning and Skills Improvement Services (LSIS) and other key organisations, enabling members to be kept fully up-to-date with new and up and coming initiatives.

Members are encouraged to influence the Network Meeting agenda and use the forum to highlight their own best practice.

Links from NTN's website

Members can use NTN's website as a route to market their own organisation and activities through links and a short introduction of the benefits that their company can offer.

Email communications

NTN circulates emails from members to other members and partners.

NTN represents its members and Work Based Learning as a whole, on a variety of boards and Network including:

- PROACTIVE East Midlands
- Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Employment and Skills Board
- Nottinghamshire Public Sector Compact Work Force Development
- City & County 14-19 Strategic group
- Working Nottingham
- East Midlands Plus (network of regional networks)
- Foundation Learning

Network Action Groups

NTN develops and facilitates action groups for the members and partners. Currently, the groups include the following:

- **Health and Safety**
Actions and results have included CPD for practitioners around risk assessment, new legislation, and best practice
- **Quality Group** (meets quarterly)
The group's focus is on improving the quality of provision across the WBL sector. The remit includes:
 - Quality Assurance of collaborative provision;
 - Peer review and development
 - Continual Professional Development
 - Management Information
 - Use of data to make informed decisions
- **Apprenticeship Sub-Group**
Led by members of the NTN board, this group's focus is on increasing the numbers of apprenticeships in Nottinghamshire developing the overall capacity of the network to support new apprentices and increasing employer engagement
- **14-19 Group**
The NTN 14-19 Group has been set up to work with key partners, with a focus on bringing together all the activities surrounding 14-19 in Nottinghamshire
- **PROACTIVE East Midlands**
PROACTIVE East Midlands is a regional voice for Work Based Learning (WBL). Acting on behalf of our members, we aim to provide excellent value for money through collaboration, dissemination and the sharing of good practice. This network will 'network the existing networks' to: influence government strategy on WBL at national, regional, local, and institutional levels and lobby Ministers as a collective. Be a regional 'sector voice' to lobby and work more strategically to influence key decision makers. Celebrate success focusing on what can be done rather than what can't demonstrate added value. Identify key themes/challenges to the sector and produce a series of case studies
- **Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Future Post 16 Commissioning Stakeholder Advisory Group**
NTN is part of this group which works towards ensuring that the needs of 16-19 year olds are met.
- **Nottinghamshire Provider Forum**
NTN is part of the Nottinghamshire Provider Forum for employment and skills delivery across Nottinghamshire which aims to coordinate the delivery of services to tackle poverty and deprivation.

Partner - £100

Partner level is designed for organisations that work in partnership with NTN but do not deliver NTN contracted provision e.g. schools, voluntary and community support organisations . NTN recognises the existence of a wide range of partner opportunities and the need to approach partners in a diverse and innovative way.

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Attendance at Network Meetings (Partners by invitation only)

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(*Partners are able to add a limited amount of content to the e-bulletin and web-alerts)