

Countdown

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to work-based learning providers

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'One voice' representing the providers of quality workforce development skills

Working with government and employers to develop policies and deliver high quality, learner centred, employer focused, demand-led skills development, valued by all.

A Brave New World: the new Ofsted Inspection Framework

West Midlands – Wednesday 24th March 2010

"A key finding from HM Chief Inspector's report published last year, indicated only 5% of new work based learning providers inspected were outstanding in their overall effectiveness and just 37% were good"

Leadership and management, improving success rate, safeguarding and offering added value, will be of crucial importance for all independent providers post the Machinery of Government changes in April and will serve as the basis for the key themes at the one day event.

Key Speakers include *Matthew Coffey*, Regional Director, Ofsted; *Dr David Collins*, Chief Executive, LSIS and *Paul Eeles*, Director of Sector Reforms & 14-19 – conference chair. Full details of all five breakout sessions are now available to view online.

- Safeguarding and Self Assessment
- Improving Success Rates
- New Developments for the Inspection of DWP Provision
- Self Assessment for New Framework
- LSIS Improvement Support

To register today and learn more click [here](#). Any organisations wanting to exhibit at the event should contact ALP Marketing and Membership Manager, Stephen Ram Kissun

Global learning for a world-class workforce

LSIS Office, London –17th March 2010

A seminar hosted by [LSIS](#), in partnership with ALP, to explore what globalisation means in practice for all work based learning providers and employers and what it means in practice for those charged with upskilling their workforce to compete in a global economy. The aims of the seminar are to:

- Raise questions and share knowledge, understanding and experience
- Explore realistically what can be done to get started or to improve existing practice
- Agree priorities and help shape action plans for individual providers and the work based learning sector as a whole

The seminar will be chaired by Paul Warner, ALP Director of Employment and Skills with supporting input from specialists with the expertise and knowledge in the global skills economy. The half day seminar is **FREE to all ALP Members** to attend and £75+VAT for all others. For more information and how to register your place, please click [here](#).

Careers in the 21st Century (CLIAG)

Regional locations - March 2010

Are you a manager, adviser, tutor, assessor, coach or mentor with an interest in careers learning, information, advice or guidance (CLIAG) in the learning and skills sector including Work-Based Learning and Offender Learning? If so, you will be interested in the work the Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS) has been undertaking for the DCSF and BIS, working with providers to identify effective practice; promoting CLIAG as a leadership issue and new approaches to careers education and guidance for young people and adults. To find out more details about the CLIAG regional events and other LSIS programmes please visit the [LSIS topic page](#) to book online.

AID Dissemination Event

Apprenticeship providers are under increasing demands to improve the efficiency, quality and effectiveness of their provision. The Apprenticeship Improvement and Development tool (AID) has been developed as part of the World Class Skills Programme to help providers examine their provision and identify actions to enhance their apprenticeship delivery.

KPMG are holding three dissemination events that will show how providers have used the AID tool to help them continuously improve and develop their delivery.

What is AID?

An interactive approach to measuring and comparing the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of apprenticeship delivery between providers. It has been developed in five sectors:

- construction
- engineering and manufacturing
- retail
- business administration
- health public services and care.

Who should attend?

All provider staff with senior management responsibility for apprenticeship delivery.

When and where?

This event will be held in three locations. To book onto any of these events please [click here](#).

16th March - Birmingham

23rd March - Manchester

24th March - London Canary Wharf

Final reminder for the Administration special interest group (SIG) meeting

Administration sector members are reminded to register for the next SIG on **Wednesday 3rd March from 10.00am to 1.00pm in central London.**

ALP is delighted to welcome Kelly Saliba, Director of Development, Council for Administration (CfA) Standards Setting Body, who will update members on the very latest QCF developments and how the new unitised approach will be implemented in 2010. The introduction of the QCF coupled with the new SASE framework requirements will transform future apprenticeship programmes and Kelly hopes to use the SIG as an opportunity to outline early thinking on new framework design as well as hear the views of sector practitioners.

Also attending the meeting is David Smale, Learner Services Director, NAS London, who hopes to provide the latest performance data for Administration apprenticeships in England whilst updating providers on new initiatives and services from the National Apprenticeship Service. The SIG is completely FREE of charge to members and offers an excellent opportunity for Administration providers to network and share good practice. Caroline Groom, Business Development Director, JHP Training and ALP Skills Champion for the Administration sector, is chairing the meeting. To view the full agenda and to register your attendance, please click [here](#) and the follow instructions.

ALP Member Events



ALP Member Events are internal meetings organised by ALP and restricted to **Members**. If you want to attend and participate at one of these meetings then please register your interest by clicking on the meeting link below.

If any **Member** experiences difficulty registering online, please contact [Marilyn Harper](mailto:marilyn.harper@alplp.org.uk) via email.

The following ALP Special Interest Groups are available for you to register:

[Business Administration](#) 3rd March 2010 10.00am – 1.00pm followed by lunch. London

[Hospitality](#) 11th March 2010 10.00am (Coffee) 10.30am – 1.00pm followed by lunch. London

[Welfare to Work](#) 15th March 2010 1.30pm – 3.30pm Tea/Coffee and Biscuits on arrival. London

[Engineering](#) 19th March 2010 10.00am (Coffee) 10.30am – 1.00pm meeting concluding with lunch. Nottingham

[Care Sector](#) 24th March 2010 9.30am (Coffee) 10.00am – 3.30pm lunch Provided. Sheffield

[Land Based](#) 25th March 2010 10.00am (Coffee) 10.30am – 1.00pm lunch provided. Coventry

*And don't forget **The ALP Conference 2010** which will be held on July 14th/15th 2010 at the Plaza Riverbank, Central London - make a date in your diaries!*

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