

Date for your diary

Access Training's next
Celebration Event

Will be held on

**Thursday 26th May
2011**

At the
Albert Hall
Nottingham

WANTED!

Employers for
Foundation Learning
work placements.

We need employers
who can offer 2 week
work placements.

Can you help?

If so; please call

Suzanne

On

0115 9587257

Government changes affecting Apprenticeships and Train to Gain

We would like to share with you the Government's thinking on the future of its funded training.

Following the 'Spending Review' there have been a number of significant changes in the Governments priorities and financial support for both Train to Gain and Apprenticeships. The biggest of these involves the transferring of funding for adults away from NVQ's on Train to Gain to full apprenticeship frameworks at both levels 2 and 3.

At the same time funding is to be made available to increase the number of apprenticeships at both level 2 and 3 for 16-18 year olds.

There are however, at the same time, a number of requirements which employers will have to meet.

From April 2011 all apprentices will have to be employed for a minimum of 30 hours a week.

As well as a contract of employment, all apprentices will have to have an apprenticeship agreement which provides the contractual basis for the relationship between them and the employer.

With regard to those learners on both Train to Gain and 19+ Apprenticeships, there is now a Government expectation that employers will make a contribution towards the overall costs of the delivery of the qualifications.

There are exemptions from these Government requirements which we will need to discuss with you in detail when individual employees start their training programmes.

For those, however, for whom a contribution will be required this does not always mean a payment of fees. We will work with you to identify the most appropriate ways to identify your contribution. **Should you have any questions please contact Helen Elliott on: 01159587257**

Congratulations to trent barton on winning the 'GoSkills Passenger Transport Awards 2010' for 'Large Company of the Year'



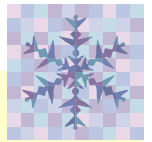
Seasons Greetings



We would like to wish all our customers a prosperous 2011

Our offices are closed from Thursday 23rd December and reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2011

Foundation Learning Child Care



The first childcare foundation learning course is well underway

and learners have been learning and having fun through a range of practical activities including: taking home the virtual babies, planning and carrying out craft activities such as painting, sticking and corn flour. They have also participated in a rhyme, rattle and roll session and learning how to do effective story and singing sessions. The Pink and Gold groups have had their first block of work experience at different nurseries throughout Nottinghamshire.

Learners commented on their course:

The things I have enjoyed on this course are meeting new people and making new friends and also learning things I never knew before. The course has really boosted my confidence!

I enjoy the course and think its fun!

This course is interesting because we have learnt a lot of new things like activities such as making play dough. I am enjoying it and the tutors are nice.

The childcare course has given me confidence. Tutors deliver the sessions well and I have made new friends!

I've enjoyed doing the childcare course so far because I've gained more confidence and learned a lot from the tutors which will help me at a work place

Its been fun to do creative activities e.g. corn flour, play dough and painting.

Access Training is building a new future in Derby

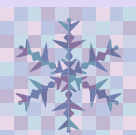
Access Training is delighted to be able to **add** Construction as part of its Foundation Learning offer to young people.

We have recently acquired a site near to The Pentagon Island in Derby where we can offer Painting & Decorating, Brickwork, Carpentry and Joinery in a fully equipped Training Centre and workshops.

Young people, pre and post 16, can gain practical experience and achieve a City & Guild recognized qualification in Basic Construction Skills at Entry or Level 1.

Please contact Suzanne Higginson at Access Training 0115 958 7257 or Judith Wright (for school age pupils) 0791 890 7114

Pictured right is a Woodland's School pupil cleaning up unused bricks after finishing building a wall. The course is proving motivational as he wants to go into construction when he leaves school.



Record Year at What Next Career Event



Access Training was kept really busy at this year's "What Next" event at the Harvey

Hadden Stadium by record numbers of visitors to our stand. The annual career event is held over 2 days and evenings and all current Year 11 pupils attending schools in Nottingham and the county are invited.

Many came with their parents to the evening sessions and there was clearly some concern about the economic situation and how courses could lead to actual jobs.

We made good use of the demonstration babies and the firework paintings so that we could engage with learners and their parents and offer them the sort of hands-on, practical approach that Access Training is so good at. As Foundation Learning has replaced the former E2E course, staff explained the new qualification system and the different vocational pathways. All those who expressed an interest in Foundation Learning will be invited to Taster Sessions to be held during the Spring of 2011.

Scallywags Day Nursery Melbourne Derbyshire

Now in its 8th year, Scallywags has grown from a 40 to a 111 place nursery with the sort of reputation that guarantees a healthy waiting list.

Started by the owner, Mary Dunicliff, the nursery is still very much a family affair with sister, Sarah, a qualified teacher in charge of the curriculum, Uncle , Henry, responsible for the accounts and the lovely gardens, Dad, Alan, looking after buildings and maintenance and Mum, Alice, still helping out with the cooking when necessary.

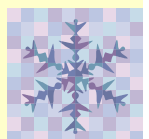


There is clearly a strong work ethic in the family set by Mary's Grandfather whose working life stretched from aged 15 to 91 and who would visit the nursery daily to read the children a story. He had founded a shoe factory on the premises and his memory is preserved in the company logo which includes two footprints.

Mary has always been an enthusiastic supporter of apprenticeships as she sees the value of getting to know the learner and being closely involved in their training. She has worked with Access Training from the outset and says that whilst she gets phone calls every week offering her "sparklies" to change allegiance, why would she change? She has very good relationships with her current Trainer Assessors, Becky Burke and Rachel Harriman, and uses their feedback in her reviews of staff performance. She likes our thorough approach, finds the evening sessions held at her premises really beneficial and really appreciates that we have a Quality Manager, Duncan Hembury, because "if there's a problem, he sorts it straight away".

Mary takes a very hands-on approach and can be seen above playing with the crocodile group at the nursery. See the full Case Study on our website:

www.atem.co.uk.



Learner Survey 2010

is the best thing about Access Training?"

Getting help when you
need it

Tutors

Provide good
advice and
good training

Good tutor support

Encouragement, reliability &
assessor support

Help with dyslexia

The
staff

One to one
support

Can ring or text
at any time

Assessor always accessible by phone

Staff are very helpful

Nottinghamshire Training Network Work Based Learning awards 2010

Congratulations to the following
Access Training Learners, who are
finalists in the Nottinghamshire Work

Based Learning Awards Evening 2010 . The categories are:

Pre-16—Russell Butcher

Apprentice—Jordan McKenzie

Train to Gain—Adam Mellors and Kathy Hogg

The Awards Evening will be held on Thursday 27th January 2011 at the East Midlands Conference Centre.



The Learner Panel

**The Young People's Learning Agency,
Skills Funding Agency and Department
for Business Innovation and Skills want**

you to share your views in online surveys giving feedback on your life as a learner.

The Learner Panel has been operating for a year, with 10,000 members signed up. Now that the new academic year has started, they are looking to recruit new members to ensure government and its agencies hear the most up-to-date learner voice.

The government wants your opinion to count! Join the Learner Panel to share your views and experiences of education and earn high street vouchers for completing surveys.

Find out more at: <http://www.learnerpanel.co.uk/join>

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If you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know and forward them to Mark Pepper by calling him on 0115 9596708 or by email

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You may wish to publish your 'Good' or 'Outstanding' grades from inspections, or maybe promote a special event, promotion or celebration?

Let us know!