

New Directions: Looking Ahead

Partnership Scheme: Partners Support

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Moving Forward Together:

In the coming year the Learning Partnership wants to consolidate its position with learning providers across Bedfordshire and Luton and in the region. We want to work with partners to deliver good, high quality services to learners locally.

New Directions

Our sector faces changed circumstances and what partners have told us is that at a time of great uncertainty they value partnership working more than ever. The next 12 months will shape the future of our sector for the next decade.

We will do our best to highlight the importance of all forms of adult learning as a means for equipping people to take control of their lives and make the most of their talent for themselves, their families and for their community.

A strong partnership

We facilitate a network of 150 organisations in Bedfordshire and Luton. Big and small, all involved in delivering learning to their staff, volunteers or to local people across our local area.

We provide information and opportunities for groups to come together to discuss issues around learning or to look at funding initiatives. We will rely on the strength of partnership working if we are to succeed in the challenging times ahead. Regional commissioning and open and competitive tendering is a challenge to us all.

An adult offer

We will work to identify gaps in learning provision and lobby to secure funding for additional learning activities that benefit local communities. Our role will be to enhance existing provision, not to duplicate what partners already deliver. We will work to lever extra resources into Bedfordshire and Luton.

What We Offer:

An advocate for learning

We will champion access to learning for all, including learning for work, for career development and learning for leisure and pleasure.

An information centre

We will provide a monthly newsletter and web based information services to keep you up-to-date on developments in the learning and skills sector at a time of great change

A fundingXchange

We will provide a monthly funding update and open up our web site to partners who are looking for partners to buddy-up to work or develop projects with whenever funding opportunities are available to do so.

We will mediate with large prime contractors looking for partners with a track record of successful delivery in our area and to open up new routes for sub-contracting to help bolster local providers in the network

Advice and guidance

We will offer every partner free advice and guidance on matters to do with learning and skills, funding, equality and diversity, funding in Bedfordshire and Luton (including linkages to what's happening in the East and in the South East Midlands)

Consultancy and support services

We will offer consultancy, project management, data management, financial management, fund raising advice, event organisation, quality assurance (access to capacity building programmes around quality, bid writing and partnership working)

Networking

We will host 3 meetings per year of the area wide Partnership Community Forum (PCF) to exchange information, share good practice and promote new activities.

We will hold 4 networking events per year and 1 euro funding briefing to keep you up-to-date with key debates around learning and skills.

We will host 2 meetings a year open to all partners to identify and consult on future priorities for Partnership activity on learning and skills, new projects, capacity building, advice and support to give partners a voice in what the Partnership does

A regional/sub-national dimension

We will work with colleagues across the East of England and the South East Midlands to strengthen our ability to link learning providers together where there are opportunities for partnership working and to help local partners lever resources into the area and contribute to regional or sub national programmes.

We will work with you

We pledge to work with any organisation which shares our vision of to make learning for all accessible to local people through collaborative, partnership working.

Join with us and together we can make a difference!

Partnership Scheme:

Our Partnership Scheme is open to any organisation that wants to work with us. All you need to do to be an associate partner is to provide us with some basic detail about your organisation. If you want to work with us on future funding bids we would ask you to provide some more detailed information that we can use in the preparation of bids and to meet the requirements of funding agencies (about your financial position, your policies, insurances, approach to quality assurance and any inspection results, examples of contracts that you've recently held).

An associate partner:

Entitles you to:

1. Receive our monthly Newsletter keeping you in touch with what's happening
2. Receive a monthly Funding Newsletter which provides information on new funding opportunities for learning and skills, including national, regional and local funding
3. Request partner search to identify funding sources related to your organisations work around learning and skills
4. Attend any events of briefings that the Partnership is organising
5. Participate in Partnership meetings and fora
6. Use the Partnership to find partners for potential projects
7. Access advice and guidance (see support package below)

A partner:

Entitles you to:

1. All of the above services
2. Access to working with the Partnership on funding bids
3. Sub-contracting with the Partnership to deliver on contracts we hold

Support package

As a partnership we value the relationships we build with all of our partners and with providers who want to work more closely with our networks. We provide extensive support to our partners and to organisations that are not yet ready to join our partnership. This package includes:

1. Whole Organisation Audit - to identify strengths and weaknesses
2. A Development Plan - tailored to your business in the skills sector
3. Advice on learning and skills - ongoing and on tap
4. Access to briefings - skills and knowledge
5. Alignment of training - get qualified!

Get in Touch!

Your feedback is welcome


Got a project idea? Looking for partners? Looking for advice? Need support? Get in touch. Talk to us today. Come and see us. Arrange for someone to visit.


Any one of us would be pleased to help.

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