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Welcome to LWDP's e news

Welcome to the March edition of our monthly news. In here you will find news from LWDP and information you may find useful from across the sector.

EVENTS

Information Morning – Rascals Party & Play Centre, Walton-le-Dale

We will be holding an Information morning at Rascals Party & Play Centre, Walton-le-Dale on **23rd March between 10am – 12pm**, where we will be promoting Social Care and the benefits of working within the Social Care sector. We are offering free play for children whilst their parents / carers can find out about employment opportunities in Social Care. If you know anyone that would be interested in coming along, please contact natashafurnell@lwdp.org.uk or telephone 01772 761855 for more information.

<http://www.lwdp.org.uk/LWDPEvents.aspx>

Skills for Care Standards and Qualifications Event

Booking is now open for the Skills for Care standards and qualifications event on the 21st April at the Leyland Hotel. To book your place visit http://northwest.skillsforcare.org.uk/events/events_listing/standards.aspx before the 7th April. Demand is expected to be high for this event so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Skills for Care will contact you after you book for your workshop choices.

NEWS HEADLINES

Human Resources Training - Last Chance to attend Interviewing Skills

As a final reminder there are still places available to attend Interviewing Skills Training on Wednesday **31st March 2010**. The venue is Marian House, Beech Grove, Preston and the cost is £50 per delegate. Joining instructions will be sent in advance. Please contact clairewardle@lwdp.org.uk or telephone 01772 761855 for more information.

Follow the links to see the course outlines and booking forms.

[Interviewing Skills.pdf](#)

[HR Training booking form.pdf](#)

Funding Information - End of Financial Year

The end of the LWDP financial year is March 31st 2010. Employers must ensure that all training is completed by this date. **The final date to submit evidence for payment will be May 12th 2010.** Please contact safeerasuleman@lwdp.org.uk or telephone 01772 761855 for more information.

<http://www.lwdp.org.uk/LWDPNews.aspx>

Funded Training Courses

On the LWDP funded course list the **CIEH basic/food hygiene** course has now been replaced with **Level 2 Food Safety**. Please contact safeerasuleman@lwdp.org.uk or telephone 01772 761855 for more information.

<http://www.lwdp.org.uk/LWDPNews.aspx>

Funding arrangements for 2010

Health and Social Care NVQ's

From April 1st – August 31st 2010* applications for NVQ Level 2 - 4 qualifications in Health and Social Care will be accepted and where approved will continue to be paid at **£110 per unit**.

After August 2010* no further NVQ applications will be processed as the Qualification Credit Framework (QCF) will become effective. For more information about QCF please visit www.skillsforcare.co.uk

After this time we will be funding credits at **£20 per credit**.

QCF awards are made up of credits which build into:

- An award (12 credits)
- A certificate (13-36 credits)
- A diploma (36 plus credits)

The equivalent of an NVQ is a diploma.

Other Funded Qualifications:

- PTLLS/CTLLS will continue at £250 until the QCF version is available.
- A1 Award will continue at £500 until the QCF version is available.
- Management NVQ's will continue at £110 per unit until the QCF version is available.

Induction programmes

The Skills for Care Induction programmes for levels 2/3 and management levels 4/5 are paid at £150 on receipt of Skills for Care paperwork.

LDQ levels 2/3 are paid at £250 on receipt of the awarding organisations certificate.

Basic Short Courses

These must be 6 taught hours in duration and will be paid at the advertised cost up to a maximum of £50 each.

Where there is an accredited/nationally recognised course covering the subject matter this is the only course that will be supported.

Courses without national recognition/accreditation will be supported only if the Skills for Care skills set for the subject are covered entirely by the syllabus.

Entitlement

Each Employee is able to claim for 1 NVQ, 3 short courses, Induction/LDQ and where applicable the A1 or V1 assessor's award and PTLLS/CTLLS (or their QCF equivalent) per year.

If you require any further information on the QCF, please see visit

www.skillsforcare.co.uk

***this date is subject to change if QCF is not ready as planned in August 2010.**

<http://www.lwdp.org.uk/LWDPNews.aspx>

E Learning

The Dignity in Care and Pandemic Swine Flu E Learning packages are still available for you to complete free of charge until the 31st March 2010. After this date we are considering charging a nominal fee. Click here for details on how to complete the E Learning.

[..\E Learning\Brief to Care Providers final pdf.pdf](#)

<http://www.lwdp.org.uk/LWDPNews.aspx>

Recruitment and Retention Strategy

The R&R Strategy will be available to view on the LWDP website from the 1st April 2010. We also have 8 Employers signed up to join the Recruitment & Retention Steer group.

For further information on the steer group, or if you would be interested in joining, please contact natashafurnell@lwdp.org.uk or telephone on 01772 761855.

Advertise your vacancies FREE -Situations Vacant

Don't forget to list your current vacancies on the website as we will be producing a vacancy update to be taken to the UCLAN Careers Fair on the 18th March and the Information Morning at Rascals on the 23rd March.

<http://www.lwdp.org.uk/JobVacancies.aspx> and select "add a vacancy"

Raise the profile of Social Care

We have started work on the Social Care case studies with the aim of illustrating people's life stories and the variety of roles Social Care has played within their life. As part of this, we are looking to engage with employees currently working in Social Care, along with service users and their families to share their stories. Individual stories could possibly be used as case studies at future LWDP events and as featured articles in upcoming local publications highlighting Social Care.

If you have a story you would like to share which illustrates how working in Social Care has made someone's life better, or know of someone who might like to share their positive experience of Social Care, please email your contact details to natashafurnell@lwdp.org.uk

Apprenticeships

Following feedback from our Information day held on the 4th March, we will be holding an Apprenticeship Information session on the 8th June. This is an opportunity for Employers to find out about the advantages of employing an apprentice in their organisation. Follow up support sessions will be available for those who may wish to complete an application.

To register for a place please contact clairewardle@lwdp.org.uk or telephone on 01772 761855. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Care First Careers

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and Department of Health (DH) have developed a scheme, Care First Careers, to increase youth employment and support Social Care Employers with recruitment and retention.

In early 2010, employers will be offered a £1,000 recruitment subsidy, administered through Jobcentre Plus, for taking on a young person in adult social care. The young person needs to be 18-24 years old, and have been on Jobseekers Allowance for 39 weeks or more. They also need to be in post for at least six months, working 16+ hour weeks throughout that period.

For more information on the scheme, see www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/carefirstcareers

Care Ambassador Project

We are pleased to welcome new Care Ambassadors onto the Care Ambassador scheme following successful training days held in February and March. We now have a team of 33 Care Ambassadors who promote Social Care to others. They are available to attend schools and colleges to promote working in Social Care, attend job and careers fairs and any other events that help to raise the profile of a career in Social Care.

If you are interested in becoming a Care Ambassador or know someone that would make a perfect Care Ambassador, please contact samfrankland@lwdp.org.uk or telephone 01772 761855 for more information.

<http://www.lwdp.org.uk/LWDPNews.aspx>

Lancashire Plan – Quality of Data

It is important that the contact details for you on LancashirePlan are accurate as we use these for postal and email correspondence. Please continue to ensure that your postal address, email address and telephone numbers are all up to date on the system. It is your responsibility to maintain this information so if any contact details change for your organisation, please ensure you amend this on LancashirePlan

accordingly. If you need help to edit your contact details, please contact your LWDP Networker on 01772 761855.

SECTOR NEWS

Skills for Care launch Accolades 2010

Entries are now open for the Skills for Care Accolades 2010 celebrating the very best practice in social care workforce development by employers across England. The North West region are holding drop in sessions to provide help and guidance with the nomination form.

[http://northwest.skillsforcare.org.uk/news/news_archive/SfC\)launch_Accolades_2010.aspx](http://northwest.skillsforcare.org.uk/news/news_archive/SfC)launch_Accolades_2010.aspx)

Department of Health Dementia Awareness Campaign

The national dementia awareness campaign produced in partnership with Alzheimer's Society addresses the poor public understanding of dementia. Running in March 2010, the TV, radio, press and online advertising feature real-people with dementia.

<http://www.nhs.uk/dementia/Pages/Dementia.aspx>

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We hope that you have found this issue of E news useful and informative. Any suggestions and comments on what you would like to see in future issues would be welcomed so please contact us with your thoughts. Please email info@lwdp.org.uk with any comments.

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