

Area Prospectus Update Nov 08

Issue 8

Latest information from the DCSF - some quotes from 'Delivering 14-19 Reform: Next Steps' (Oct 08)

- *It is important that schools give young people good quality advice on their options for continuing in learning, whether in the school or elsewhere. To this end we are legislating through the current Education and Skills Bill to require schools to deliver impartial careers education covering all options.*
- *Every local area will strengthen their 14-19 Prospectus so that young people have comprehensive information on learning opportunities and support in their area and how to apply for them.*
- *Every local area will develop a Common Application Process that is linked to the Prospectus so that young people can apply through one system regardless of where or what they want to learn.*

Progress with course entries

We are making *good* progress towards DCSF requirements, but *slow* progress.

Many of you have been working hard to improve the quality of the information presented on the Prospectus. There are 70 providers listed. We need all 09-10 courses displaying asap so that searching for provision is meaningful to learners. If you have been contacted regarding this, and have not yet responded, please do so as quickly as you can, even if you do not yet have your definitive 09-10 offer, as it is easy to add/amend/delete as necessary.

Progress with applying on line

A group nominated by the Confederation Executive has been procuring for the supply of software for Bradford's On-line Application Process. Tenders are currently being appraised and a decision on the way forward should be made by Christmas. Hopefully the system will be ready to trial after Easter.

Training will evolve according to need but is likely to cover areas such as:

- All** – Awareness-raising of what the on-line application process looks like and aims to do
- School staff** –introducing your learners to the process and system
- Learning providers** –receiving on-line applications
- Personal advisers** – supporting a learner with their application and monitoring a caseload

Note:-

When applying on line, the learner links a course in the Prospectus to their application form – so make sure every learning opportunity is there!

Free publicity for your events

Remember to make use of free promotion for your events through the Prospectus. (Accessed via CMS under 'Profile'). Your events will list in your own provider area but will automatically integrate to the full 'what's on' list under News and Events.

Development group – open invitation – NEW DATE

The next meeting of the Prospectus Development Group will be on **Wednesday 19th November** from 3pm to 4.30pm at the City Learning Centre at Carlton Bolling (Undercliffe Lane).

This will be a chance to

- Get an overview of what on-line application software has to offer and what it might mean to you
- feed back on the new improved Prospectus development
- contribute ideas for future development

Please advise Anne should you wish to attend

Diplomas

Please refer people to the Prospectus to find out more about the new Diplomas. The new section on Course Types, gives more information on all 14-19 learning opportunities, but there is a section devoted to diplomas. Gradually, details of the new diploma lines in Bradford starting September 09 are being added as they are known. Remember the levels:

- Foundation Diploma – level 1*
- Higher Diploma – level 2*
- Advanced Diploma – level 3.*

09-10 diplomas for Bradford are:

- Creative and Media*
- Construction & the Built Environment*
- Environment & Land Based Studies*
- Manufacturing and Product Design*
- Engineering*
- Hair and Beauty*
- Hospitality*
- Information Technology*

Let's not waste the academic year calendars! (08-09)

These credit card style cards can be given out at the end of an introduction to the Prospectus. If you have not yet requested them for your school, please do so before they become invalid!

