

## **Work Based Learning and Apprenticeships**

### **1. Introduction**

Lancashire Work Based Learning Executive Forum (LWBLEF) is made up of all the Lancashire Colleges and a number of Independent Training providers.

LWBLEF is committed to supporting its members to provide the highest quality of Work-Based learning opportunities to young people and adults within the workforce to the benefit of employers and the wider society in Lancashire. Our intention is to establish Work Based Learning as a valid and recognised route of choice into Higher Education or career progression.

All members of LWBLEF have been assessed as either 'Outstanding' or 'Good' by Ofsted.

Delivery to young people in Lancashire is across all abilities with many providers delivering the Study Programme, Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

### **2. Membership**

LWBLEF is made up of:-

- The nine FE Colleges in Lancashire
- Local providers
  - North Lancs Training Group
  - Springfields Fuels Limited
  - Training 2000 Ltd
  - Via
  - Lancaster Training Services Ltd
  - RWP Training Limited
- National Providers
  - Age uk Training
  - GP Skills Training Academy
  - Intraining
  - JTL
  - Leandirect
  - Rathbone Training

### **3. Apprenticeships**

Whilst Apprenticeships have a long history, they have over recent years become an increasing priority for the Government. Most recently, the Government has committed to increase Apprenticeships by 3 million. LWBLEF will rise to this challenge and will work with its members and the local Lancashire Enterprise Partnership to reach this target.

Many of our members provide specialist provision. For example:-

- North Lancs Training Group has a Furniture Centre of Excellence and deliver specialist glass programmes.
- Training 2000 specialise in Engineering and Dental
- Springfields Fuels Limited. An employer provider who specialise in nuclear manufacturing maintenance.
- JTL. A national provider specialising in Apprenticeships in electrical, plumbing, engineering maintenance and heating and ventilation.

One of our key priorities is to meet the LEP priorities by ensuring that the Apprenticeship offer meets the needs of the Lancashire economy in key local sectors.

#### **4. Summary**

4.1 Independent providers and all Lancashire Colleges are members of LWBLEF

4.2 All members of LWBLEF have been graded by Ofsted as 'Outstanding or Good'

4.3 All members of LWBLEF have delivery specialisms, whether it is academic or vocational.

4.4 There are good progression routes for all abilities through from Study programme, Traineeships to Apprenticeships and beyond.