

Learning for and in Work Challenge Group

Supporting Bristol citizens into work and encouraging employers to create sustainable learning organisations

What have you achieved in the last 12 months?

- Gained approval from the Partnership Board (PB) for the business plan for the Engagement Hub in Bristol (EH); obtained funding from the Mayor's Budget; raised awareness of and engagement with the project amongst partners and begun the implementation process.
- Gained approval from the PB for the business plan for the Passport for Employability for Bristol Learners (PEBL); raised awareness of and engagement with the project amongst partners; begun the search for funding and implementation of a pilot.
- Supported the development of a Partnership Employment and Skills Strategy (now approved by the PB) and monitored progress.
- Monitored and supported work to reduce the number of young people not in education or training (NEETs) in Bristol.

What do you need to continue/complete in 2016/17?

- Secure funding for the next phase of the PEBL.
- Support in developing an infrastructure for the EH and PEBL (Children in Care or other?).
- Support in developing a long term sustainable model for funding for the EH and PEBL.
- PB championing and advocacy of the Employment and Skills Strategy.

What are your recommended priorities for 2016/17?

- Monitoring and support for the further implementation of the EH and PEBL.
- Monitoring and ongoing support for the implementation of the Partnership Employment and Skills Strategy.
- Monitoring and support to further reduce the number of young people NEETs and the number of economically active young people in a job without training in the City.



Learning Action for 2016

To work with employers and wider partners to develop the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone (TQEZ), EH and PEBL.

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Current Challenge Group Partners

Bristol City Council (BCC) officers and members, Schools, Post-16 Providers, City of Bristol College, University of Bristol, UWE, Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), Business interests,

- Contributing to the plan for devolution especially re: funding and the implications for the City in terms of employment and skills.
- Commissioning a report on the current state of cross-sector training, professional and personal development opportunities for those employed in Bristol businesses and organisations to help identify how the Bristol Learning City Partnership can add value to those opportunities.
- Informing and monitoring ongoing procurement processes to increase social value and, especially, employment and skills outcomes.

Current Challenge Group Partners (Cont.)

ABLAZE, Training Providers

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