

**Work Related Learning Conference
Thursday February 22nd 2007
Beaumanor Hall**

Evaluation Report

Attendance:

A total of **59 delegates** made application to attend the conference

These applications comprised: **41 practitioners and 18 representatives from partner organizations.**

A total of **54** actually attended the conference.

Analysis of attendance:

Leicester City schools/colleges:

	No. of Delegates
8 mainstream schools out of a possible 16 were represented	8
2 FE colleges out of a possible 4 were represented	4

Total City practitioners in attendance: 10

Leicestershire schools/colleges:

	No. of Delegates
13 upper schools out of a possible 18 were represented	23
1 FE colleges out of a possible 5 were represented	1

Total County practitioners in attendance: 13

Overall City & County Analysis of schools/colleges represented and practitioner attendance: **24** schools/colleges out of a possible **55** were represented by a total of **36** delegates.

Partner Organizations:

	No of Representatives
Ashfield Healthcare	1
Hammerson Management Services	1
LEBC	3
Leicestershire Connexions Service	4
LETG	1
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LSC	3
VESA	4
TOTAL	18

Overall Evaluation delegates were asked to rate and comment on-

	Poor	Satisfactory	Good
Clear on Objectives		48%	52%
Well Organised		24%	76%
Relevance of programme content		43%	57%
Fulfilled a need		36%	64%

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General comments from delegates regarding the conference.

- Could have done with a little more time
- Good morning but at times felt sessions were rushed due to the over running of the keynote address.
- I really enjoyed and found this conference very useful in my role as Careers, WRL & Work Exp. Co-ordinator
- Half Day not enough: lots of varied/interesting snippets to look at incorporating them into our programme (have I got the time!?)
- Excellent half day programme. Thank you
- Need more input on WRL possibilities for 14-16 and post-16 into schools. Workshops with students etc. in the way that Aimhigher provides. More direct links with employers for schools.
- Thank you for the invite, found this a really worthwhile exercise.

Summary of comments from delegates relating to Keynote Input

'Employer's Perspective' Chris Corbin, Ashfield Healthcare

- Very Interesting - good model
- How it should be!
- Entertaining, informative!
- Good employer to know.
- Excellent to hear.
- Informative and inspiring
- Motivational!

'Employer's Perspective' Michelle Dawson, Hammerson Management Services

- Interesting progress report.
- Good labour market info.
- Learnt a lot!
- Need more info on WRL potential
- Good overview of retail needs

Local perspective regarding Apprenticeships in Leicestershire' Carolyn Savage, LSC

- Useful/relevant information
- Knowledgeable, well presented
- Interesting and informative
- Schools need this input!
- Good overview
- Valuable knowledge
- Interesting, would like more info on how to get new employers on board – are funding & training issues?
- Very Good
- Useful but not enough time for full presentation and questions

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Summary of comments from delegates relating to Workshop Sessions

The Work-based Learning Route & YA Work-based Assessment (Pre-16)

John Shuter, LETG & Chris Elliott, Leicester College

- Very interesting – useful contact made to explore for KS4 curric.
- Good but lack of time prevented the useful interactions/questions at the end.
- Very interesting but not enough time due to earlier overrun.
- Very interesting – ran out of time

Developing Good Practice in De-briefing from Work Experience.

Duncan Whitton, Robert Smyth School

- Interesting although our system in school is not perfect it is successful – linking very closely to accreditation needs tightening up.
- Excellent – lots of thoughts & ideas on how to improve debriefing
- Interesting/useful – got some ideas for hopefully moving our de-briefing forward.
- Excellent – Real – Relevant. Good structure & ideas to take away
- Helped 'fuel fire' for raising importance of debrief. Very relevant!
- Great presentation. Very relevant to our position.
- Very Good
- Good & it will be useful if materials get put on VESA website.
- Excellent – Very Relevant – Well delivered – Enjoyable – Useful

Quality in IAG and Work-related Learning

Cathy Sibley & Mark Wilkinson, Leicestershire Connexions

- Too rushed – too vague – perhaps could have given us more of a grounding – giving whole draft quality document – given time available – not very useful
- Not sufficient time.
- Again too little time to look at draft paper but some useful discussion.
- BIG SUBJECT – note enough time to cover & discuss all.
- Interesting but short
- Thought provoking. Connexions awaiting feedback on YP's IAG Guidance Quality Standards – obviously worried about not being commissioned to deliver IAG – being OFSTED inspected.

Evidence Learning from Work Experience

Shirley Wyatt, Sir Jonathan North

- Interesting/useful – sessions opened up lots of points for discussion.
- Excellent. Good resources for parents & students. I never thought about briefing students in yr9. Good ideas and thoughts for the future.
- Timing was Ok! An interesting and useful session.
- Similar to Good Practice workshop, relevant and helpful.
- Gave me food for thought and confirmed some ideas.
- Interesting to see how different approaches are applied.

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WRL – Engaging disaffected students

Graham Blatherwick & Pranay Pancholi, LEBC

- Very interesting. This workshop provided me with a clear view on WRL. It left me with a lot of thought provoking questions.
- Very good informative discussion. Surprisingly a lot in common with our college practices.
- Time restraints really knocked this on the head but was useful as far as we could go. Didn't touch on getting employers on board or other issues that I would have liked due to lack of time.