



Lifelong Learning Network

Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin

Supporting Progression for Vocational and Work-based Learners in Staffordshire & Shropshire

Themes:

- Information, Advice & Guidance
- Student Support

Research & Discovery Activities

- What is the evidence base for the hypothesis that vocational and work-based learning students who have progressed to higher education in the LLN are more likely to drop-out from their programmes than students who have progressed via traditional academic routes?
- What is the demand for new IAG Level 4-7 qualifications for Advisors working with the LLN constituency?
- How accessible is IAG for vocational and work-based learners in the LLN area and what are the levels of awareness of services/resources and their usage (particularly for employees and employers)?
- What HE 'transition' support is provided for vocational/WBL in partner HEIs & how could we achieve a common entitlement for learners in the LLN area?

Delivery & Development Activities

- Progression & Admissions Staff Development Conferences (Technology & Creative & Media June & July 2008).
 - These conferences will bring together tutors teaching on Level 3 vocational and WBL programmes in colleges and providers with the HE admissions 'gatekeepers' i.e. admissions tutors & central admissions staff
- Building the IAG capacity in the workplace by supporting TUC Unionlearn Learning Representatives to become IAG qualified and trained
- Careers 'MOT' events: Telford (Feb 2008) & Stoke (April 2008)
- Mapping IAG resources for vocational and WBL in the LLN area

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