

Representation

DLDC's staff sit on numerous groups across the county (please see table below), which meet on a regular basis. This provides an opportunity for concerted opinion-forming and lobbying. DLDC was cited as an example of good partnership working in the Learning and Skills Council's (LSC) national strategy document "Working Together" which was published in July 2004. An independent evaluation of VCS Learning & Development Consortia, conducted by NIACE on behalf of the LSC in 2006, ranked us in the top ten Learning & Development Consortia in England.

This section will list all the meetings that DLDC staff attend on a regular basis. This way members can inform appropriate members of staff of key issues so that we can truly represent our membership at these meetings.

Member of Staff:	Name of Meeting / Group	Description:
William Allen Chief Executive	Steering Committee of 3D (formerly Derbyshire Infrastructure Consortium)	
	Derbyshire Adult Learning Group	Oversees Personal & Community Development Learning (PCDL)
	Derby Learning for Life Group	Oversees Personal & Community Development Learning (PCDL)
	East Midlands Consortia	Collective Learning and Development body for the region
	Consortia Plus	Collective Learning and Development body for the country
	East Midlands Learning Skills Council 3rd	

	Sector Liaison Group	
	Derbyshire Employment and Skills Group	
Member of Staff:	Title:	Description:
Julie Frost Accreditation Centre Manager	Skills for Life & Work Group Meetings	The purpose is to keep abreast of issues around Skills for Life, including teacher qualifications and CPD (Continuous Professional Development) opportunities.
	Quality Assurance Committee for OCN	this committee sits to keep under review OCNs service standards and how it performs against these standards. We also check applications for new Centre Approvals, endorse the OCN annual self-assessment report & action plan. The committee has responsibility to monitor all quality assurance matters pertaining to the organisation of OCN and its members in respect of accreditation/moderation/complaints etc.
<p>Julie also attend seminars and conferences relating to matters affecting our accreditation centre, e.g. events held by awarding bodies (City & Guilds/ASDAN) or organisations such as LLUK (Lifelong Learning UK) or QIA (Quality Improvement Agency). Information from these is passed on to members through the tutor Development seminars or the e-newsletter.</p>		

Member of Staff:	Title:	Description:
June Upton Learning Development Advisor	Derbyshire IAG Theme Group meetings	<p>This is about the quality of provision for Information Advice and Guidance within Derbyshire. Organisations that attend include LSC, Nextstep, Connexions, Derbyshire and Derby City Councils, Derby University, Probation Service, private providers etc...</p> <p>June represents the VCS in general but specifically our member orgs.</p>
	nextstep Delivery Partners meeting	<p>This is because we have a nextstep contract for IAG delivery that ourselves and some of our members deliver. At these meetings I put forward where our member orgs can assist with reaching priority, target groups etc</p> <p>Both Julie and June attend DLDC Learning Sub Group meetings, which are to expand the services to with Training and Development opportunities that we can offer to our members, this group has representatives from DLDC Board.</p>
Member of Staff:	Title:	Description:
Rosie Slater Contracts Manager	LLDD (Learners with Learning Difficulties and / or Disabilities) Liaison Group Meeting	Attendees include the LSC, colleges and public sector providers who specialise in offering provision for LLDD clients.

Member of Staff:	Name of Meeting / Group	Description:
John Soto-Hernandez Learning Development Advisor (Employability)	ESF 14-19 Steering Group	ESF Contract Providers meet to share best practice, communicate learner success stories and action relevant points regarding contract delivery. Members include funding bodies such as Connexions and LSC
	Derby City Partnership- Derby Skills & Job Group	Strategic partnership focusing on planning and discussion on issues related to the employment agenda in Derby city. Members include Rolls Royce, Jobcentre Plus, LSC, Connexions, Derby City Partnership and Employment focus providers; all at decision making level
	Wordlessness Action Group	Sub group stemmed from Derby Skills & Jobs group main purpose is to reduce worklessness and improve skill levels in Derby City, with a particular emphasis on Arboretum, Normanton and Sinfen