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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO HELP SHAPE THE FRAMEWORK PUBLICATIONS WEBSITE

As we move towards publication, it is important to us that the information we present is both meaningful and useful to the end user. With this in mind, we have recently met with the National Learner Panel to discuss various options and have also held a number of successful focus groups with learners in schools.

The feedback from these sessions is extremely important. We have taken on board comments and suggestions which will directly influence the design of the website. In order to ensure that we continually improve we will be seeking the views of more learners and students towards the end of February and early March.

Focus groups run for approximately 90 minutes. Sessions are interactive and include an online demonstration of the publications website. Learners are encouraged to be as open as possible and to give their views on how the website could be developed in terms of both design and functionality. The feedback from these sessions will then form the basis of the website development for publication in June 2010 and in future years as part of an iterative approach.

Sessions will be managed and led by a member of the LSC Framework for Excellence team; however, we would like your help in arranging these. If you are able to help arrange a session, or would like further details, please email ffepublication@lsc.gov.uk by close of play on 12 February 2010 providing your contact details. We are aiming to have approximately 10 -12 people in each focus group session.

FRAMEWORK FOR EXCELLENCE: SCHOOLS AND LOCAL AUTHORITY PILOT UPDATE

As part of communications for the Framework for Excellence, the LSC and DCSF have prepared an introductory letter and short PowerPoint presentation (http://ffe.lsc.gov.uk/schoolssixthformpilot/) with notes pages, for schools with sixth forms. The slides and notes provide an outline of the Framework, its purpose, who owns it, how it links with the School Report Card and the pilot that commenced in September 2009.

For further details of the pilot, including the final sample list of participating schools and local authorities by region and local authority, user and development group Terms of Reference, editions of the Pilot News and the Pilot Guide, please refer to the Framework for Excellence website.

If you have any related queries and/or feedback, please email schoolandpilot@lsc.gov.uk.
SURVEY DEADLINE APPROACHING – ACTION REQUIRED

Learner Views
Providers are reminded that the Learner Views Survey deadline of midnight on 12 February 2010 is fast approaching. Providers have been advised to plan ahead to ensure that issues such as illness or bad weather conditions are taken into account.

Please encourage your learners to undertake the survey by visiting: http://www.ipsos-mori.com/learnerviewssurvey/

Employer Views
To enable as many providers as possible to gain grades for the Employer Views survey, telephone top-up activity is now taking place.

Please note not all employers will be contacted. Telephone calls will only be made to employers, where the provider has a marginal shortfall in number of survey participant and where it is likely that the top-up activity would result in a grade for their provider.

This activity will run until mid February 2010.

EMPLOYER VIEWS SURVEY 2009/10

Providers who took part in the Employer Views survey are reminded that respondents were given the opportunity to include a comment about individual providers. Providers can view comments on the secure Survey Site now.

These comments have also been shared with regional LSC colleagues to help inform discussions about the quality of provision. LSC regional colleagues may contact providers in their region to discuss the comments.

Please be assured that these comments will not be made available publicly.

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