

What are the benefits of a Lifelong Learning Network (LLN)?

Career Structures	Qualifications delivered through the LLN provide learners with access to a range of progression opportunities so that they can move between different kinds of vocational and academic programmes as their interests, needs and abilities develop.
Workforce Planning and Development	Working closely with employers and key stakeholders, the LLN and partner institutions can develop qualifications that support the strategic directions of individual employers or industry.
Skills Analysis	Through partnership working, employer engagement and internal research, the LLN is working to identify key skills that are lacking or need development, making every effort to fill the gaps through course provision.
Staff Development and enhanced opportunities	The LLN qualifications will support employers who seek to encourage the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of their employees.
Widening participation and social inclusion agendas	Through the facilitation of increased access to further and higher education in local and regional communities by creating long-term partnerships between institutions.
Partnership working	Combine the strengths of a number of diverse institutions to utilise various areas of expertise and deliver courses and qualifications at multiple locations in the region.
Credit transfer and accumulation arrangements	Engaging in and developing mechanisms through which learners can accumulate and transfer credit within an agreed Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) scheme.
Support the Government's Education and Skills policies and initiatives	The Government set out plans to increase participation in Higher Education towards 50% of 18-30 year-olds by 2010 and reduce by at least 40% the number of adults in the workforce who lack NVQ2 or equivalent qualifications.
Complement regional and sub-regional strategic priorities and employer priorities	The LLN is working proactively to engage with many leading organisations and sectors to ascertain and support the delivery of strategic priorities such as local delivery plans.