



Press Release

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Could you be Peterborough's Learning and Skills Champion?

Are you a passionate believer in lifelong learning and development? Do you support the vision to build a bigger and better Peterborough? Can you spare half a day per month? Then you could be Peterborough's Learning and Skills Champion!

Learning and skills are key ingredients of the future prosperity of our city. The city's economic growth is dependent on the availability of a highly skilled and trained workforce, which is ready to adapt and meet the challenges of the future. However, currently Peterborough's learning and skills achievements are significantly lower than average. The Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP) is searching for a volunteer to become its Learning and Skills champion, helping to lead and facilitate its work on improving Adult Learning and Skills in Peterborough, in order to raise this barrier to economic growth and also provide opportunities to individuals.

The Learning and Skills Champion will oversee the delivery of Peterborough's Adult Skills Action Plan and the Local Area Agreement (LAA) indicators. The Learning and Skills Champion will chair the quarterly Adult Learning & Skills Partnership meetings and represent Adult Learning and Skills on the GPP Board.

John Bridge OBE, Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce, said, "This is an exciting opportunity for a person who has a passionate belief in lifelong learning to make a real difference to the future of Peterborough. They will work with private, public and third sector partners, as well as supporting the development of learning initiatives for all ages, including for example, the new diplomas on offer in Peterborough from September 2009."

Karen Moody, Peterborough City Council's Adult Learning and Skills Strategy Manager continued, 'We are looking for a creative thinker and problem solver who may have previous experience of business, the voluntary sector or education. The new Chair must have an understanding of how improving the skills and training of Peterborough people is essential for the continued growth and development of the city.'

If you are interested in finding more about this role, please contact Karen Moody, Adult Learning & Skills Strategy Manager on 01733 863938 or email karen.moody@peterborough.gov.uk or Susie Hall, GPP Manager on 01733 207341 or e-mail susie@gpp-peterborough.org.uk, by Wednesday 13 May. For more information, visit <http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk>.

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Notes to editors:

The learning and skills champion shall work alongside the Adult Learning & Skills Strategy Manager to:

- Oversee the delivery of the Adult Learning & Skills Action Plan and delivery against LAA indicators.
- Support the cross-cutting themes for Peterborough (e.g. maximise the relationship between learning and health).
- Support the development of learning initiatives for all ages (especially the new diplomas).
- Represent and lobby for Peterborough in the Eastern Region.
- Champion learning & skills and related initiatives both locally and regionally.
- Represent Adult Learning & Skills on the Greater Peterborough Partnership.
- Chair the Adult Learning & Skills Partnership.
- Cover all aspects of the adult learning agenda, working with public, private and third sector parties.
- Represent Adult Learning and Skills individually and in public forums.
- Be responsible for developing the partnership and drive the team agenda forward in a challenging and supportive way.

The role is a voluntary position for a year in the first instance; applications must be made by Wednesday 13 May.

- The Greater Peterborough Partnership is Peterborough's local strategic partnership. It brings representatives from the public, private, faith, community and voluntary sector together to work collectively towards the vision and priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
- The GPP is not an organisation. It does not deliver any of the projects or services that will deliver the improved outcomes we aim for. GPP's role is to facilitate joined up work and to ensure that the work of the individual partners is targeted at the priorities collectively agreed.

- GPP oversees commissioning of services and projects to help deliver the aims of the Sustainable Community Strategy, having an important leadership and performance management role, although all the partner organisations retain their own responsibility and governance arrangements.
- For information on GPP please go to www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk.

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