

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL

TO FORM

A LIFELONG LEARNING SECTOR SKILLS COUNCIL

Questionnaire

QUESTIONNAIRE

Consultation on the Proposal to form a Lifelong Learning Sector Skills Council

Thank you for participating in this consultation. Please refer to our proposal and background papers. The questionnaire will take around five minutes to complete.

We would be grateful if you would complete this Word form electronically.

To do so, complete the document and save to disk. Then return it as an attachment via email to LifelonglearningSSC@ntlworld.com

To complete electronically, use the tab key to move forward to each answer box (shift tab to move back) and type in your answer. Use the spacebar to enter your choice in the small option boxes. As an alternative, you can use your mouse to select a box. (If you have problems entering data into the larger text boxes, e.g. those for comments, make sure you start by clicking near the inside top left of the box.)

Please indicate, by ticking the appropriate box, whether you are responding as:

An employer whose primary business is lifelong learning
Other

If Other please specify.....

The leading UK body bringing together practitioners, researchers, and policy makers in learning technology.

Name of Organisation:

The Association for Learning Technology (ALT) - <http://www.alt.ac.uk/>

In which area(s) of lifelong learning does your organisation deliver or have an interest?

You may tick more than one box

- Community learning and development
- Employment and work based learning
- Further education
- Higher education
- Library, information and archives services
- Other

If Other please specify.....

N/A

Position/role in organisation:

Please select one of the following

- Board Member
- Chief Executive
- Senior Manager
- Middle Manager
- Delivery of Lifelong Learning
- Support of Lifelong Learning delivery
- Other

Country:

Please select one of the following

- England
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Wales
- UK wide

1(a). Do you support **in principle** the proposal to form a Lifelong Learning Sector Skills Council?

Please select one of the following

- Yes
- No
- Undecided
- Don't Know

1(b). If you responded **Yes** above, do you support **in principle** the proposal to submit a formal Expression of Interest to the SSDA?

Please select one of the following

- Yes
No
Undecided
Don't Know

1(c). If you do not agree **in principle** with the proposal to form a Sector Skills Council for the Lifelong Learning sector, what do you see as the alternative way for employers to define standards for continuing professional development and provide occupational standards and skills foresight for those working in the Lifelong Learning sector across the UK?

Please comment

N/A

2(a). Do you accept that the new SSC should encompass those involved in delivering and supporting lifelong learning as defined in this proposal?

Please select one of the following

- Yes
No
Undecided
Don't Know

2(b). Please tick the areas which should be included

You may tick more than one box

- Community learning and development
- Employment and work based learning
- Further education
- Higher education
- Libraries, information & archives services
- Other

If Other please specify.....

N/A

2(c). If you are not in favour of including some of the areas listed above, or some aspects of them, how would you propose to cater for these specific interests within the Skills for Business Network?

Please comment

N/A

3. Do you wish to be included in future consultation events concerning the proposal to form a Lifelong Learning Sector Skills Council?

Please select one of the following

- Yes
- No
- Undecided
- Don't Know

4. If you wish to make any further observations on the above proposals please comment below.

ALT understands learning technology as the systematic application of a body of knowledge to the design, implementation and evaluation of learning resources. The body of knowledge – the fruit of research and practice – is based on principles of good learning theory, instructional design and change management, but is grounded in a good understanding of the underlying technologies and their capabilities. Learning technology makes use of a broad range of communication, information, and related technologies to support learning and provide learning resources.

We believe that the accreditation of learning technologists (i.e. the people who apply the body of knowledge defined above) should best be handled on a cross-sectoral basis. For this reason we believe that the signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding "Working towards a Lifelong Learning Sector Skills Council" should work to ensure that they take a common approach on the transfer of those of their existing functions which "cover" learning technology. What would be unhelpful is if, for example, FENTO did transfer such functions, whereas HESDA or isNTO did not.

Irrespective of how this issue is eventually resolved, ALT would welcome involvement in the nuts and bolts of creating the cross-sectoral accreditation scheme for learning technologists.

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