A **new look** for The Network's PROVIDER TOOLKIT



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The website, which launched in the summer 2003, is adding further material. "We have expanded several areas and provided more and better links to other leading organisations along with more extensive documentation" says Dominic Rapley, the site's web developer. "The site will be updated on a regular basis and we invite practitioners to submit material that they have found effective, so that others can utilise good practice."

There is a sample company profile checklist, links to the Sector Skills Councils, a link to further training and links to research on the benefits of workplace LLN training for both employers and employees. The same can be said for the other sections of the Core Process: Building Capacity, Organisational Needs Analysis, Programme Development, Delivery, and Review.

Dramatic changes have been made to the 'Vault' section.

This is dedicated solely to the teaching and learning cycle – assessment, planning, delivery and review. For practical reasons this section was the least developed at the end of the previous phase of development. It is now a vibrant and growing area with a large number of new links, example documents and guidelines.

Recent additions to the Vault include links to screening; initial assessment and diagnostic assessment tools; a sample checklist for planning and recording embedded teaching and learning. The unit contains examples of embedded materials in care, cleaning and hospitality; sample session plans; links to evaluation tools plus guidance notes on funding embedded LLN programmes. Users will find links to both the DfES and NIACE embedded learning sites; links to further professional development opportunities, and a number of case studies.

The layout has also been revamped to make the site easier to negotiate. There is now a comprehensive list of websites relevant to workplace LLN. Stakeholders will find that the revised site contains a wider range of ideas and information.

The Provider Toolkit
website can be found at:
www.lancs.ac.uk/wbsnet/
providertoolkit

Anyone willing to contribute example resources and/ or case studies can do so either via the Vault section of the website or by email to wbs.net@lancaster.ac.uk