

## Sector Skills Council: Asset Skills

<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.assetskills.org">www.assetskills.org</a>
<b>Footprint – areas of responsibility</b>	<p>The places in which we live and work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property services</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Cleaning</li> <li>• Facilities management</li> </ul>
<b>Key Drivers and/or SSC priorities</b>	<p>The following 10 key priorities have been identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Direct employer support</li> <li>2. 14-19 Agenda</li> <li>3. Olympics 2012</li> <li>4. Adult literacy and numeracy</li> <li>5. Commercial income generation</li> <li>6. Sectoral issues</li> <li>7. Devolved administrations</li> <li>8. Sector Skills Agreement</li> <li>9. Standards and qualifications</li> <li>10. Skills Academies</li> </ol>
<b>Key Drivers for Skills for Life</b>	<p>Asset Skills is the lead SSC for adult literacy, language and numeracy and works across the Skills for Business network to support the development of this agenda.</p> <p>Asset Skills is also the lead on Functional English, part of the functional skills suite, including Maths and ICT, which will come on stream from September 2008 to reflect the White Papers (14-19 and Skills).</p> <p>The main focus of activity is on Cleaning and Housing sectors, where a high level of need has been identified. The primary aim is to increase the awareness of the benefits to employers of investing in improving the literacy and numeracy skills of employees. In particular, projects have been developed to support frontline staff, supervisors and line managers to recognise adult literacy and numeracy needs in the workplace and signpost to provision.</p> <p>High proportion of workers with ESOL needs, especially in the cleaning sector, linked to effective induction and development programmes. This will take on added significance in the run up to the Olympics.</p> <p>Asset Skills have developed a Pathway Card to record training and achievement of workers in a sector where there is a substantial churn rate.</p>

	<p>Adult literacy and numeracy is a key component in the strategy of each of the home nations. Where funding is available to support the development of skills (eg, NETP in England), this will be promoted to employers in the sector.</p>
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<b>Main programmes offered in sector</b>	<p>NVQ, VRO and professional qualifications in sector related subject areas, see website links below.</p> <p>Property Services  <a href="http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/PropertyHome/Qualifications/tabid/154/Default.aspx">http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/PropertyHome/Qualifications/tabid/154/Default.aspx</a></p> <p>Housing  <a href="http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/HousingHome/Qualifications/tabid/165/Default.aspx">http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/HousingHome/Qualifications/tabid/165/Default.aspx</a></p> <p>Cleaning  <a href="http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/CleaningHomePage/Qualifications/tabid/143/Default.aspx">http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/CleaningHomePage/Qualifications/tabid/143/Default.aspx</a></p> <p>Facilities Management  <a href="http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/FacilitiesManagementHome/Qualifications/tabid/179/Default.aspx">http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/FacilitiesManagementHome/Qualifications/tabid/179/Default.aspx</a></p>
<b>Key statutory and/or legislative influences in sector</b>	<p>Vary by sub-sector but currently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing key legislation surrounding Home Inspectors</li> <li>- Health and Safety legislation</li> <li>- Social health</li> <li>- Public sector</li> <li>- Environmental</li> <li>- Sustainability</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
<b>SSC agreement completed</b>	<p>In Tranche 3, delivery by September 2006.  Information available at <a href="http://www.sna.assetskills.org.uk/">http://www.sna.assetskills.org.uk/</a></p>
<b>LMI available</b>	<p><a href="http://www.assetskills.org/site/tabid/270/Default.aspx">http://www.assetskills.org/site/tabid/270/Default.aspx</a></p>
<b>Delivery issues for providers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not a 9-5 work environment, so training needs to be available at non-standard times.</li> <li>- Workplace learning is often preferable</li> <li>- Contextualisation</li> </ul>
<b>Embedded Learning Materials available</b>	<p>Cleaning sector – electronic copy available at <a href="http://www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/embeddedlearning/searchresults.cfm?setting=Cleaning">http://www.dfes.gov.uk/readwriteplus/embeddedlearning/searchresults.cfm?setting=Cleaning</a>  Hard copy available from Prolog 0845 60 222 60 quote ref: Embedded/CL</p>

<b>Case studies</b>	<p>Housing  <a href="http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/HousingHome/CaseStudies/tabid/171/Default.asp">http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/HousingHome/CaseStudies/tabid/171/Default.asp</a></p> <p>Cleaning  <a href="http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/CleaningHomePage/CaseStudies/tabid/149/Default.aspx">http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/CleaningHomePage/CaseStudies/tabid/149/Default.aspx</a></p> <p>Facilities management  <a href="http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/FacilitiesManagementHome/CaseStudies/tabid/185/Default.aspx">http://www.assetskills.org/site/AssetSkillsHome/FacilitiesManagementHome/CaseStudies/tabid/185/Default.aspx</a></p>
<b>Skills for Life projects</b>	<p>Ambassadors Project – England  Supporting Basic Skills Training – Wales</p>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<p>Regular e-newsletter – subscribe via the website</p>