

Are you ready to work in partnership in the learning and skills arena?

The challenge:

Many learning and skills contracts are too large in scale for third sector organisations to take on - the best way to deliver can be as part of a consortium. Finding the right partners, developing necessary systems, and planning delivery can take months of preparation - and that's before you've cracked the procurement process or caught up with the many funding and policy changes underway in learning and skills.

The solution:

This practical third sector-led **three day** workshop, followed by **one day of tailored consultancy support**, with a unique focus on supporting your organisation to:

- respond to changes in the learning and skills environment
- meet the challenges of procurement
- develop delivery partnerships and consortia

Who should attend?

Senior Managers of Third Sector Organisations working in the learning and skills arena.

The programme:

Day one looks at today's commissioning environment and how to access procurement opportunities. We will explore the role of the third sector and how to evidence its added value.

Day two focuses on developing your internal systems in line with funders' requirements, and managing and measuring contract performance. It will also explore the fundamentals of consortia development.

Day three focuses on developing your organisation's quality systems and accredited learning provision.

The benefits:

- The course will be delivered by trainers with personal knowledge and experience of the learning and skills commissioning environment and consortia working
- 1:1 consultancy support will give you practical advice to help prepare your organisation's internal systems for consortia working
- The training is designed to include details of the inspection regime and reflects the latest commissioning requirements

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Organisations that have attended previous courses include:

- Action Acton
- Ealing MENCAP
- Global Action Plan
- Crisis
- Fin Future
- South London Tamil Welfare Group

Feedback from previous courses:

- “It clarified issues around commissioning”
- “Understanding how an effective consortium works”
- “I have a better understanding of what is involved in being a lead partner”
- “Have a much better understanding in every aspect of the course, exceeded my expectations”
- “Good update on recent developments in the sector”

Details:

After our successes in the east and west of London, this course is now being run three times across the London region on the following dates:

29, 30 April & 7 May @ The Selby Centre, Haringey
19, 20 & 27 May @ The Mothers Union, Westminster
24, 25 June & 2 July @ Prospero House, London Bridge

Refreshments will be provided. Consultancy support will be available throughout this time

Cost:

£300 for one learner or **£450** for two learners from the same organisation. This course is heavily subsidised by the Learning and Skills Council.

Contact:

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