



## SLN Newsletter 12 — the new Sussex Learning Network

This newsletter updates on the Learning Opportunities in the South East's second phase of activity, and brings to your attention 2 job vacancies at the Sussex Learning Network.

### Learning at Work Information Service update

**New site! New URL!** [www.learning-opportunities.org.uk](http://www.learning-opportunities.org.uk)

Phase 1 of the new website is live! Learning Opportunities in the South East covers **nine counties** as we roll out the work done in Sussex over the past two years to include Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Medway, Oxfordshire and Surrey.

It may look like the Learning Opportunities in Sussex website, we have re-freshed, re-written and updated the content to provide a rich resource for all those with an interest in vocational higher education. It's for people in work, returning to work or about to enter the workforce, plus those providing advice, support and brokerage relating to vocational higher education.

Learning Opportunities is a one stop shop which pulls together good quality resources into a user friendly website. Where resources exist, we link to them. Where they don't exist, we produce them.



### What's there?

- [Ask a question](#), or email us if you can't find what you need.
- Download a [Personal Planning Pack](#) – all the pages on the site viewed in one session are gathered together into a pdf that can be edited and saved or printed. The pack includes advice about making a decision and applying for higher education.
- Practical advice about things like [making the best of redundancy](#) and [returning to learning](#)
- An [advisers' pack](#) to download or use online.
- [Careers advice](#) across the South East.
- [Information sheets](#) covering everything from finance and childcare to confidence building.
- Links to [SussexRoutes and Hampshire & IW Routes](#) – the online progression tools – plus information about progression agreements across the rest of the region.

If you have clients or contacts who have been using the Learning Opportunities in Sussex link, don't worry, they will be redirected to [www.learning-opportunities.org.uk](http://www.learning-opportunities.org.uk) – with the enhanced content plus popular sites like Foundation Degrees in Sussex.

### Coming soon (June 2009)

- A new **Learning Opportunities booklet** for 2009/10 – all the basics about HE in your area.
- Publicity and **marketing materials**.
- **Development and training** help and resources.
- **Foundation Degrees in the South East** – all the HNCs, HNDs and FDs searchable online by location, subject or keyword. Access to individual course descriptions and direct email links to the providers.
- **SouthEast Routes** – all the progression agreements developed by the Lifelong Learning Networks in the South East will be merged into a single online tool enabling users to search across county boundaries from a single portal.

For more information contact [Maureen Haywood](#), Project Director.



## Work at the Sussex Learning Network!

We are looking to recruit a new Director and Deputy Director to the Sussex Learning Network (SLN)

The SLN was one of the first Lifelong Learning Networks (LLNS) to be funded in September 2005. Led by the University of Brighton it is a partnership of four universities and seven colleges. We are now looking for two experienced managers to lead the next phase of its development to 2012. The main focus will be to establish and successfully deliver the newly HEFCE funded Centre for Work and Learning which will be the focus for workforce development and employer engagement between further and higher education. In addition there is oversight of the separately funded Learning at Work Information Service in the South East. This project is supported by four LLNs, the LSC and SEEDA and runs to 2010.

### Director

**From £46,278 to £53,650 per annum**

This post will give overall leadership to the SLN under the guidance of the SLN Board. We are looking for someone with the skills and experience to manage a complex project whose success will depend on your ability to get the best from a wide range of staff working in partner institutions and other agencies supporting business facing activity.

**Ref: EG5003**

### Deputy Director

**From £38,757 to £44,930 per annum**

The deputy post requires someone who has both experience of work related curriculum development and a fully developed understanding of credit transfer and progression to higher education.

**Ref: EG5004**



Funding for both posts is for three years and secondments will be welcomed.

Full details about the SLN can be found at [www.sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk](http://www.sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk)

For a discussion about either of the posts please contact Adam Stewart ([a.m.stewart@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:a.m.stewart@brighton.ac.uk)) on 01273 873398 in the first instance.

**Call (01273) 642849 (24 hours) or visit [www.brighton.ac.uk/vacancies](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/vacancies)**

**Please quote the appropriate reference number**

**Closing date: 24 February 2009**