



Lostsocks Newsletter



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Celebrating Success with Learners and Employers

Chiltern Training enjoyed a month of celebrations in December. We held a fantastic Presentation Evening at Reading Town Hall on December 8th for all learners who had completed their courses and achieved successes at a variety of levels. Sian Sallis from the LSC presented learners with their awards on the evening and said, 'It is so lovely to see so many learners and be able to celebrate their success with them. It shows us that all their hard work is so worth while.' Katy Edwards, Managing Director at Chiltern Training said, 'The success of these learners is down to a great partnership between the learners, their families, employers and the staff at Chiltern Training.'

Over 100 people attended the presentation including 40 learners with their families and employers. Everyone enjoyed a buffet before the presentation and there were some lovely hampers won on the raffle. We raised £94 on the raffle which we have donated to BIBS (Babies in Buscot Support) which is run at the Royal Berkshire Hospital for parents and families of premature and sick new born babies. Thank you for all your support for this worthy cause.

Chiltern Training also enjoyed the Employers Christmas Network Meeting on December 17th. It was well attended with over 30 people from 15 different settings. Sarah Darsley introduced the new management qualifications including the Introductory Certificate in Team Leading and NVQ Level 2 in Team Leading. More information can be found on page 3.

Elizabeth Boyd presented the Employer Awards to Blagdon Children's Centre and Christ the King Primary School who received bronze awards and £500 training vouchers towards training courses at CTL. Forbury received a silver Employer Award and £750 towards training. All awards were given for excellent support for the learners at their setting as well as high standards of health and safety and equality and diversity.

Increased Flexibility Learners collect their certificate at Reading Town Hall



Elizabeth Boyd presents Forbury with their silver Employers Award

Change to Class Day at Chiltern Training

There have been some slight changes to the timings of the college day at CTL. All classes will commence at 9:15am and finish at 4:00pm. There will be a 30 minute tutorial at the end of each class with tutors that learners can access as they need. Lunch will be from 12:00pm to 1:00pm for all learners. For more information please call the recruitment team on 0118 956 6995.

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A note from Katy:



I hope that everyone has had a good Christmas break. Here at Chiltern we are all looking forward to a busy but challenging New Year.

I would like to thank all the employers who attended the Employer's Network meeting in December and for their excellent feedback. It was lovely to see such a mixture of new and familiar faces. Our next Employer Network event will take place in June and we hope to see many of you then.

As more funding becomes available to small employers, we are now able to offer a greater choice of management qualifications. We are now delivering both level 2 and level 3 qualifications in Team Leading and Management.

Due to the success of our Pre apprenticeship pilot, we are also delighted to advise that we will be running this course on a permanent basis. This gives young people a chance to gain employment skills and confidence prior to starting an apprenticeship.

We would like to wish all our nurseries and learners a healthy, happy and prosperous 2009.

Katy Edwards

Achievers for November

Apprentices

Samantha Allwork– Busy Bees
Amy Blight– Kiddi Caru
Caroline Bradley– Tigers Too
Emma Cross– Tigers
Grace Lilley– Merrydale
Laura Mulhern– Whitley Sure Start
Kirsty Neno– Northumberland
Meghan Whalley– Our Lady's

Advanced Apprentices

Nicola Illsley– Toad Hall
Emma Oldfield– Lea Infants
Daniella Reynard– Gloucester Road
Barbara Powell– Dickory Docks

Katie Sopp– Dickory Docks
Vicki Wallis– Little Dragons
James Warner– Cedar Park
NVO Level 2
Kayleigh Cole– Dolphin
NVO Level 3
Marcia Bell– Dolphin
Jenny Blake– Casterbridge
Waheeda Heetun– Casterbridge
Emma Morton– Casterbridge
Monica Mensa–Casterbridge
Foloshade Alade– Casterbridge
NVO Level 4
Donna Grove– Jack in the Box

E-Learning

Chiltern Training has been working hard to provide learners and employers with a more flexible means of studying for a range of qualifications offered at Chiltern Training Ltd. Part of this has been the further development of our E-Learning resource, an online tool for accessing all components of the qualifications offered by us.



Learners at Chiltern Training access their work online.

E-Learning can be used alongside traditional class room teaching or as a more modern home based classroom allowing access to underpinning knowledge, assignments, recommended reading and links to relevant internet resources.

Chiltern Training currently has 84 learners signed up to access this innovative learning aid, with new learners regularly choosing this method to enhance the level of tuition they receive through the training they already access.

During the last year 75% of those using E-Learning have completed a full framework on or ahead of time

E-Learners can now access:

- CCLD NVO Level 2, 3, and 4
- CCLD Certificate Level 2, and 3
- Introductory Certificate in Management

COMING SOON: Key Skills Level 1 and 2

Anyone with access to the internet and a valid email address can be signed up to E-Learning– including learners and managers. For a registration form please contact the E-Learning Team on: e-learning@chilterntraining.org

Male Learners in Childcare

Name: Mark Wyatt **Course:** Apprenticeship **Age:** 18

Nursery: Little Dragons Day Nursery

In the Beginning: The first time Mark worked with children was when he was 13. He would volunteer a couple of days a week at the local Primary School where his mum worked. When Mark was in 6th form he signed up to New Futures. Mark was successful in his application and along with 5 other 6th formers from local secondary schools, they took a group of 20 children with learning difficulties and disabilities to Treherbert in Wales. The group spent a week on an outward bounds course and Mark found it so rewarding that it was here that he decided he wanted to work with children as a career. Mark took his A-Levels and then looked for a job in local nurseries. He started at Little Dragons Day Nursery in September.

What age group do you work with? 'At the moment I work in the baby room but I have worked in 2-3's or 3-4's. I like working with the babies but I really enjoy working with 2-3's.'

What do you like about working in Childcare? What do you like about your nursery? 'Its different because its all female staff apart from me. I really like working here and I get to interact with the children and help them to learn as well as being a good role model and giving the nursery a male presence.'

What do you think of college? 'I like the course and there is a relaxed atmosphere at college compared to school. I have got to know my classmates and tutors well and I find it easy to learn there.'

What would you say to other men considering a career in childcare? 'Just go for it- childcare is not just a woman's job and you should not let others opinions influence your decision. I would advise applying to lots of settings as you're bound to find somewhere that is right for you.'

What are your plans for the future? 'After my level 2 I would like to go onto do my Advanced Apprenticeship. I quite like writing stories so I would really like to write children's books in the future.'



Mark Wyatt – Apprentice at Little Dragons

Team Leading Qualifications

Chiltern Training are pleased to announce that we will be running a more varied range of management qualifications this year. As well as the existing level 3 qualifications in Management, we will be running level 2 Team Leading qualifications, both of which are accredited by the Chartered Management Institute:

Certificate in Team Leading:

This academic qualification aims to give practising or potential team or room leaders the basic knowledge and skills to enable them to develop in this role. This qualification will be delivered over one teaching term and contains five modules. **Cost:**The cost for this course is £250. You may be able to receive funding for this course through the Leadership and Management programme. Please contact Sarah Darsley on 0118 956 6995 for information.

NVO Level 2 in Team Leading:

The NVO 2 in Team Leading is suited to those already working in a team leading or supervisory role. This is a practical qualification that is assessed in the work place. Learners will build up a portfolio of evidence covering 6 units, 3 of which are mandatory and of which are optional. **Cost:** The cost of this course will be funded under Train to Gain. Please contact Sarah Darsley for information on eligibility.

For more information and an application form, please contact Sarah Darsley on 0118 956 6995. These courses will be delivered on a first come first served basis.

Dropping work into college

If any learners are dropping work off at college, they need to hand it to reception.

They will receive a receipt for their work which will then be passed onto the appropriate person. Learners who do not receive a receipt will leave work at their own risk.



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Childcare Vacancies

Nursery Practitioner	Shurlock Row	circa £13,000
An excellent opportunity has become available for a qualified Nursery Practitioner to join this exciting teaching nursery who have recently been awarded an outstanding Ofsted report. Term Time only, 8.30am—4pm. VAC- 10105		
Room Leader	Theale	£15,500
A Room Leader is required for the 2-3's room. The candidate must be level 3 qualified, have excellent experience and be a committed staff member. Salary dependant on experience. VAC-10107		
Nursery Practitioner	Theale	£12,500+
Two positions have become available for nursery practitioners at this nursery to work in the baby room and the 3-5 yrs room. A good level of experience is required. VAC- 10102/ 10103		
Nursery Practitioner	Reading	circa £12,000
Our client is looking for a level 3 qualified nursery practitioner to join this busy team in the 2-3 year olds. Previous relevant experience is essential as is a hard working ethic and enthusiasm in your work. VAC- 10101		
Nursery Practitioner	Sunningdale	circa £14,000
This local family day nursery is looking for a nursery practitioner to work in the baby room. Level 2 or 3 in CCLD is required as is previous experience VAC- 10093		
Nursery Practitioner	Crowthorne	£Negotiable
A competent and hard working nursery practitioner is required to work in the 3-5's room alongside a teacher. The candidate will need to have a good use of initiative and take a leading role where necessary. VAC- 10095		
Nursery Practitioner	Reading	circa £13,000
A Level 3 qualified practitioner is required for the 2-3yrs room in this town centre nursery. Previous experience is essential. Start date ASAP. VAC- 10099		
Nursery Practitioner	Newbury	£10,000+
A Nursery Assistant or Practitioner is required for the baby room in this nursery. They will be required to start by Jan 09 if not Dec 08. Level 2 or 3 is required and salary is dependant on level of qualification and experience. VAC-10096		
Nursery Manager	Binfield	£Negotiable
Looking to further your career or just feel like a chance of setting, this fantastic opportunity could be just what you are looking for. Vac-10110		
Room Leader	Binfield	£Negotiable
A Room Leader vacancy has become available within this fantastic nursery based in Binfield, Berkshire. You will need to be NVQ Level 3 qualified or equivalent. VAC-10108		

Are you looking for a Nanny?

Are you a Nanny looking for work?

If you are looking for the right person to look after your children, or are looking for the right family to join, please contact our recruitment team today for more information.

If you are looking for staff, interested in any of these vacancies or would like to see what other vacancies are available, please contact **Karen Wick** on **0118 9566 995** or for more information or register your details online at: www.chilternchildcarerecruitment.co.uk