

OUTSTANDING TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT TECHNICAL SKILLS NATIONAL PROGRAMME

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EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

We are looking to increase the number of high quality links that we have as a college with our local Digital/IT employers.

Would you like to extend your partnerships with employers?

Find out how you can be matched with a Digital Ambassador direct from industry...

Blackburn College, Bolton College and Nelson and Colne College are working collaboratively to recruit 12 Digital Ambassador's direct from industry to work with 12 teachers to bring real world learning to our teaching

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

-  Receive remission time to collaborate with your Digital Ambassador
-  Gain funding to support additional costs involved in setting up the collaboration
-  Establish new high quality employer partnerships to bring employers' expertise to support your students learning
-  Find out about the latest technology and new techniques and practices in the workplace to support your CPD
-  Link with colleagues from other colleges and providers to share best practice
-  Improve your understanding of the digital/IT industry to help you to support and inspire your learners and raise their career aspirations

HOW WILL IT WORK?

- **You will be matched with a Digital Ambassador (DA) that will support your CPD and curriculum area.** You will be asked to complete a skills scan. This will identify your skills needs to make sure you are matched with the right employer.
- **You will be responsible for contacting your Digital Ambassador after the initial introduction.** Please maintain regular communication with your DA so that they are kept up to date with any developments as they happen.
- **Work with your Digital Ambassador to establish teaching plans, identify appropriate masterclass sessions and produce new and innovative resources.**
- **You will be responsible for class management in all masterclass sessions.** Please ensure your learners actively participate and that your DA has access to appropriate facilities/equipment.
- **You will provide your DA with practical teaching tips to support their approach to classroom delivery.** Please ensure that the DA is comfortable with the plans for the delivery of the masterclass well before the session starts.
- **This is an externally funded project and therefore this includes returning all data to the External Funding Team by the dates requested.** As a minimum please provide information on the dates and times of masterclass sessions; the number of learners attending and their course. All learners attending should complete and return evaluation forms. You will also be asked to evaluate what the impact the masterclass has on your future teaching practice and how this work is helping to progress towards outstanding, teaching, learning and assessment.