

**Editorial**

May I welcome you to this first edition of the bi-monthly Learning Coach newsletter.

I have taken up the post of Learning Coaches manager from April 2006, and am based at the Centre for Lifelong Learning at the University of Glamorgan.

I am currently on secondment from my previous role as Training Development Manager for Careers Wales Mid Glamorgan and Powys.

I welcome any questions or comments you may have about the programme, and I am more than happy to speak to individuals or groups.

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# Learning Coach Network News

Module	Lead University	Delivery South East Wales	Delivery West and North Wales
The Learning Coach: The Mentoring Process	Cardiff University	June /July 06	Sept / Oct 06
The Learning Coach: Coaching for Learning	University of Glamorgan	Sept / Oct 06	Nov / Dec 06
Legislation	UWIC	Nov / Dec 06	Jan / Feb 07
The Learning Coach: Study Strategies	University of Glamorgan	Jan / Feb 07	Feb / March 07
Referral Methods and Systems	University of Wales, Newport	Feb / March 07	April / May 07

## Learning Coach Pilot and Structure

Within the pilot phase these 5 modules will delivered. Our operational plan involves initial delivery to SE Wales, followed by a roll out to North and West Wales. All of the modules will include 2 days training, some training will be delivered on consecutive days, some modules have a gap between training delivery to aid in completion of classroom or centre based activities. Each Module requires 100 hours study, this includes; training contact time, student based activities, the coaching environment, reading, materials, portfolio development and assessment.

## Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

RPL is a key part of the project. This facility will be made available later in the training cycle. The RPL process can be established only after Modules have been delivered and outcomes have been trialled via traditional delivery.

## Module 1. The LC: The Mentoring Process. Delivery Details

7th June and 6th July 9:00 - 5:00 at The University of Glamorgan  
14th June and 13th July 9:00—5:00 at The Village Hotel, Coryton, Cardiff  
15th June and 14th July 9:00—5:00 at the Parkway Hotel, Cwmbran



Each newsletter will include a Profile feature. The profiles will initially be of our Module Leaders. As we develop the project we also hope to feature some of our Learning Coaches and project staff.

### **Module 1. The Learning Coach: The Mentoring Process. Alan Evans**

**Employer:** Cardiff University

**Work history highlights:** Head of Education Department for England and Wales National Union of Teachers. Big canvas job with lots of opportunity and some conflict.

**So, what do you do all day?** Promote, encourage, remind, advocate, innovate—keep an eye on the big picture but giving an appropriate priority to thorough implementation.

**Best bit of your job?** Making things happen—making a difference.

**Any downsides?** Frustrating amount of time spent countering ‘short termism’

**What is your dream job?** Coordinating ‘Kicking Racism out of Football’ for UEFA.

**What book are you currently reading?** *Ideas: A History from Fire to Freud* by Peter Watson

**What do you get up to on the weekend?** Cycling to Barry Island via Cosmeston Lakes—going early enough to miss most of the cars; watch rugby and soccer; go to films. Often Sunday mornings are spent writing a thoughtful paper or article that is impossible to do in the hub of a busy office.

### **First Campus—A Collaboration**

The Learning Coaches Pilot is being delivered via First Campus, SE Wales Reaching Wider Partnership. First Campus is a unique collaboration between 5 HEIs and 7 FEIs in SE Wales. The five HEIs:

University of Glamorgan

Cardiff University

University of Wales Institute Cardiff and

University of Wales, Newport

Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama

The Open University is a member of the First Campus partnership

Funded by the Reaching Wider initiative, First Campus spearheads an initiative to overcome education and alienation schools amongst 10 to 16 year olds. The aim of First Campus is to improve the number of entrants into Higher Education, by demystifying Higher Education and motivating young people at school by raising educational

### **Learning Contract**

Prior to commencing the Learning Coach training, all Learning Coaches, 14 to 19 Networks, local managers and First Campus will be asked to sign a Learning Contract. This document will clearly outline all parties responsibilities and expectations. The contract will help to clarify such issues as time allocations, timescales and available Learning Coach support.