



## **London and South East Regional Seminar**

### **Notes of Seminar – 16 March 2011**

#### **1. Present**

1.1 See attached list.

#### **2. Awarding organisations and Sector Skills Councils updates**

2.1 Teresa Frith of the AoC gave an update on the various meetings she had attended to date discussing the issues related to the changes in the building services qualifications.

2.2 There was still opposition from Summit Skills to address the issues of maintaining 'single trade' qualifications. Whilst it had been suggested, by the Skills Funding Agency that an extension of the current NQF qualifications would be made this had not yet been approved. For this to happen it would need support from the Sector Skills Council (i.e. Summit Skills) as well as the two awarding organisations (CGLI and EAL) this would be done via an approach to OFQUAL.

2.3 After some debate delegate's voted for the following:

- A request be made by the AOs to extend the current qualifications until summer 2012. Thus allowing time to develop suitable replacements which would have an element of dual trades.
- Letters calling for support of such action be drafted by BM and sent to contacts in the industry.
- Support should also be sought from both the SFA and YPLA.

#### **3. Awarding Body Updates**

3.1 Richard Woodcock – CGLI EV, Andrew Hewison CGLI, Rob Gray IMI Awards, Geoff Laycock EAL and Andres Vergara of Edexcel all gave updates on the migration of their various quals onto QCF. These are all available on their respective web sites.

#### **4. Removal of the PEO Level 2 from Engineering Apprenticeship Frameworks**

4.1 Brian Thornton of SEMTA and Bob Millington gave an update on the current position of the PEO within the Apprenticeship framework - a confirmation of which will be emailed to members this week.

**5. National Skills Academy for Environmental Technologies:  
Hub Partnership CNWL, Think up, Logic4training, LSBU, Daikin, Skills2  
learn,ATL,Able Skills and Lambeth College.**

5.1 Pat Leavey, Director of Technology College of North West London (CNWL) gave a presentation on this. Interested parties who wish to participate and become 'hubs' may do so via Summit Skills who will soon be entering phase two of this initiative.

**6. Career Academies UK  
Update on progress with Career Academy in Engineering at Lambeth  
College**

6.1 Neil Dickson UK Career Academy in engineering coordinator Lambeth College gave an overview of the work of the Academies. This was followed by a presentation from a student of the academy. Delegates were urged to seek information on the Career Academies UK via their web site.

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