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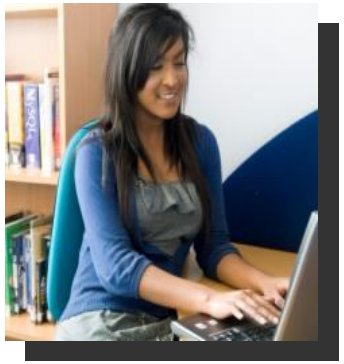
Learning to learn: measuring quality, ensuring engagement and retention

Learning to learn

‘He who dares to teach must never cease to learn’

John Cotton Dana



A whole organisational approach

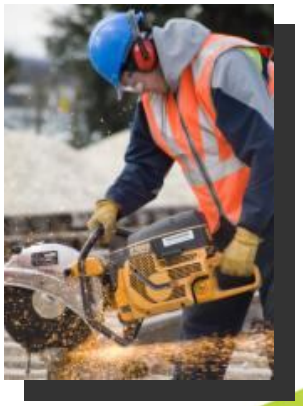
- A single vision
- A single objective
- Leadership at every level

Leading learning

- Challenge existing thinking
- Be prepared to be challenged
- Be self and ‘other’ aware

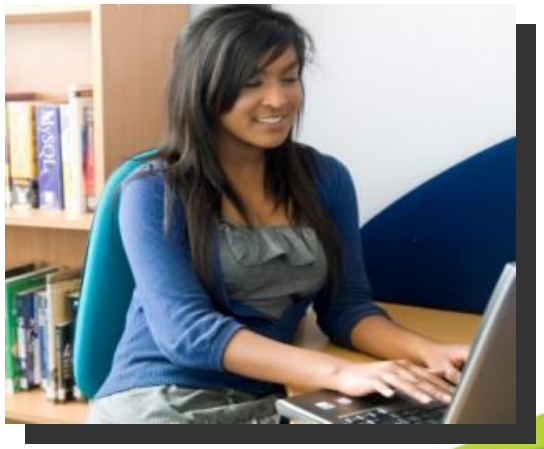
Opening minds

- Be open to new ideas
- Be brave and be bold
- Accept that you will not have all the answers
- Developing the right culture



Learn from others

- Internal
- External
- Learn from your learning

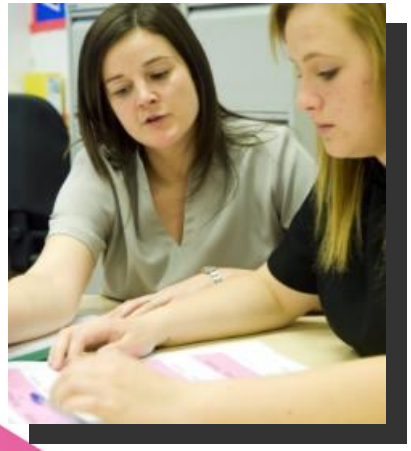


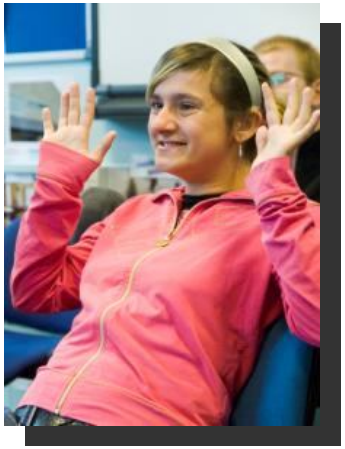
Defining quality

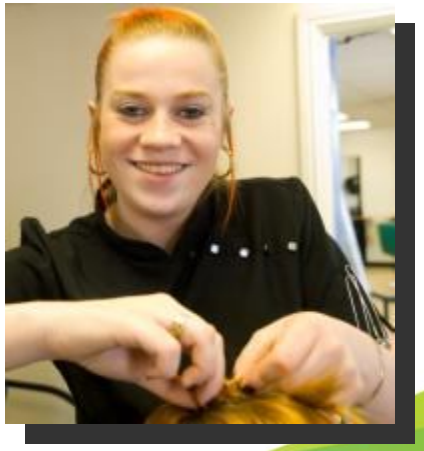
- Define and measure your organisational DNA
- Make excellence your mantra
- Close the gaps
- The devil is in the detail
- Reach new heights

Delivering quality

- Happy staff = happy learners
- Successful sessionals
- Don’t get distracted
- Keep it simple

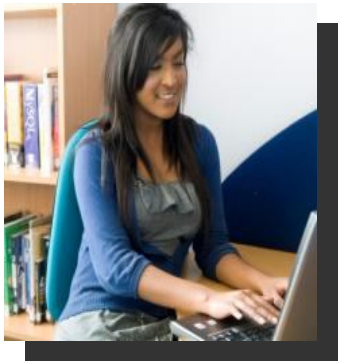






Measuring quality

You don’t fatten the pig by continually weighing it!



Retention and engagement will follow

- But remember
  - One size rarely fits all
  - Wrap around services
  - Extended opportunities for learning
  - Accelerate futures
  - Broaden horizons
  - Celebrate success

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Excellence is not a destination but a journey