

Media Release

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Acknowledging Excellence in the Community

Three exciting new training programmes for people involved in the Voluntary and Community Sector have been created by the city's newest City and Guilds approved centre.

Education Business Connections (EBC) have been awarded Centre Approval by City and Guilds in order to deliver accredited learning opportunities linked to the specific needs of the Community and Voluntary Sector.

Amongst the programmes now being offered to people involved in the Community and Voluntary Sector throughout Tyne and Wear are the three accredited training programmes designed to recognise the work people do on a day-to-day basis. All three courses are free to anyone over 25, and who meets a number of other criteria.

Working in Your Community offers candidates the opportunity to gain a City and Guilds NVQ Level 2 in Community Development whilst Valuing Volunteering offers an NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Volunteering. Finally A Taste for Enterprise offers candidates an NCFE Level 2 Award in Enterprise Capabilities.

Barbara McClennan, Chief Executive of EBC commented 'This achievement not only adds to the incredibly varied portfolio of programmes delivered by EBC, but enables us to reward those working in the Community and Voluntary sector recognising their commitment to helping others.'

All courses are being delivered by EBC as a member of the Working Together Tyne and Wear Consortium (WTTW) whose support for EBC is funded by European Social Fund, Learning and Skills Council and the Workers Education Association.

For more information regarding these qualifications and other programmes delivered by EBC visit www.ebcltd.org.uk or to enrol contact the office on 0191 5166411.

Education Business Connections was formed eight years ago to support closer working between schools and businesses in Sunderland. It's success means that now the team delivers innovative educational programmes to children across Tyne and Wear.

Programmes are funded from a variety of sources, including the European Social Fund, but EBC's ongoing development is supported by Futurebuilders (for more details go to www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk).

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