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London Region Newsletter

Summer update

Networks

A full programme of successful network events has been run throughout the year. A flavour of the summer networks follows.

ICT subject learning coaches had international specialists sharing their research. Some of the latest technological developments included Lego robots operated by Wii handsets; virtual music synthesisers and an interactive tabletop with touch control and light pens.



The engineering network reviewed the new resources and in the afternoon had a tour of the Thames Barrier.

Society, Health and Development members showed how the networks can really change practice. Their actions include:

- Strive to make sessions more dynamic by allowing learners to lead the session.
- Use reflection with colleagues.
- Disseminate new resources to team.

Dear Colleagues

This newsletter gives you a round up of this year's programme in London.

Professional Training Programme

A successful year has resulted in these outcomes for the London region:

- 143 subject learning coaches have completed their training and received their certificate.
- 500 subject learning coaches are working towards their certificate or ready to commence training later in the year.

Electives

An exciting range of additional courses has been on offer this year.

These have given subject learning coaches the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge further.

Chris Nursey, Leadership and Professional Development Co-ordinator at Hackney Community College is an experienced coach and says:

"The Facilitator elective refreshed my understanding of practices and principles. The trainers were really good and it's motivated me to think about how I can set up my own action learning set."

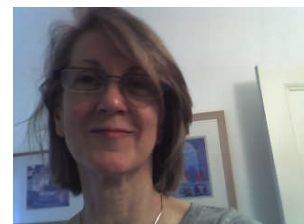
Coaching for high performing teams has just been run in London and Susan Bannocks, Business Lecturer at Havering Sixth Form College was full of praise for this elective.

"It was brilliant. I was so thankful for the team theory; it was a tool which I was able to use straight away with my teams. During my journey home I reflected on the OSKAR team coaching model and have put together a strategy for implementing this at work."

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In-house training

You can now have subject learning coach training delivered in-house. You will need a minimum of 12 staff and a training room for the two day course. Contact us for more details.

What's happening next?

The professional training programme and networks will be taking a break over the summer.

Information about what's on offer from September will be circulated soon.