



DIPLOMAS PROGRESSION PROGRAMME 2010/11

As at December 2010

Supporting the development and delivery of 14 – 19 Diplomas as potential routes to higher education across the Progress South Central Lifelong Learning Network.

List of Diplomas to be delivered across the PSC partnership, as at June 2009	Now available on the Progress South Central (PSC) website www.progresssouthcentral.org.uk/sectors/14-19-diplomas.html
List of Diploma Consortia leads	Now available on the PSC website www.progresssouthcentral.org.uk/sectors/14-19-diplomas.html
Higher Education Days for Diploma Students	We are hoping to run these events in Spring 2011 depending on interest expressed. Events will be run through the university Schools and Colleges Liaison teams and in close liaison with Aimhigher. More information on Brookes events from Janet Cox jcox@brookes.ac.uk 01865 484933. More information on BNU events from Debby Holmes Deborah.holmes@bucks.ac.uk 01494 522141.
Invitations to relevant events at Universities for Diploma students	Invitations have been issued as appropriate.
Learners Voice DVD of Diploma Students	4S in Surrey have produced a DVD of students studying the first 5 Diplomas. These have been distributed. If you require further copies please contact psc@reading.ac.uk .
University entry criteria and course profiles	Summary information on University partner entry criteria, and examples of course profiles where Diploma students will be readily accepted, are available on the PSC website www.progresssouthcentral.org.uk/sectors/14-19-diplomas.html
Engaging employers in Diploma development and	A twilight workshop has run on the 8 th of July, led by Bucks EBP. We are investigating the possibility of running

delivery	these workshops with other EBPs.
Surrey event for those developing and delivering Diplomas	We have supported two annual practitioner conferences (2009 and 2010) organised by 4S.
Series of workshops for admissions tutors and administrative staff at the University of Reading on Diplomas	These workshops were successfully piloted at the University of Reading. Progress South Central are looking to extend these sessions to staff at UCA.
Research into IAG	PSC are funding research at the University of Reading into the role and attitudes of secondary school staff in the provision of post 16 IAG for year 11 students, to support the introduction of 14 – 19 Diplomas. This is a complementary piece of research to work conducted in 08/9 with students.
Network wide dissemination conference	PSC has run a network wide event to disseminate the results of work in 09/10 and to lead into planning for delivery in 2010/11. This event took place on 5 July 2010.

Please note that development funding is still available for projects which support progression to higher education for 14-19 Diploma students. We welcome further ideas.

Please refer to our website for guidance on applying for funding <http://www.progresssouthcentral.org.uk/what-we-do/how-to-apply-for-funding.html>

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