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### Learning Opportunities in the South East scoops TWO national careers awards for the creation of a unique service for adults

Learning Opportunities in the South East, the local learning and work information service, has won **TWO** prestigious national career awards from the **Institute of Career Guidance** in **TWO** categories. Learning Opportunities was the outright winner of **Working with adults** and Maureen Haywood, Project Director, received a Highly Commended award for **Career Guidance Practitioner of the Year 2009**. Learning Opportunities helps all those with an interest in higher level skills, education and work by providing a wealth of jargon-free information, advice and guidance. It's for people in work, hoping to return to work or about to enter the workforce. The service includes a unique user-friendly and interactive career website and access to a team of experienced career advisers.

#### Helping people get back to learning

Learning Opportunities recognises and addresses the barriers to higher level learning that many adults experience. For example, fitting study around work and childcare, finding out about financial help, building confidence, finding out about part-time provision, simplifying qualifications and levels and understanding what adults need to do to apply for higher education.

#### Raising the profile of work related higher education

By bringing together careers advice and work related learning across the nine counties in the South East, Learning Opportunities helps people to use higher education to start, change or develop their careers.

#### Providing advice about job searching and redundancy

The website has a wide range of useful information and direct web links so that people who are worried about redundancy or actively job hunting can access everything from one place.

#### Giving personalised help

People who can't find what they need using the website and booklet are welcome to contact the team for one-to-one advice from qualified and experienced careers advisers - [info@learning-opportunities.org.uk](mailto:info@learning-opportunities.org.uk)

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