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The 5th National Conference on

# Delivering Diplomas: Sustaining Delivery

Eighteen months into the delivery of Diplomas, an increasingly vital consideration for all consortia is ensuring that their delivery models are sustainable. This is just as vital for new partnerships gearing up for delivery as it is for more established consortia.

The Fifth National Delivering Diplomas conference focuses on this crucial aspect of successful Diploma delivery – sustaining partnerships, engagement and enthusiasm.

With staff moving on, parents and students still becoming accustomed to the qualification, and a tough financial climate making businesses count the pennies, how can consortia ensure they have the structures and systems in place to safeguard the quality of their offer? And as the number of Diploma subjects increase, how can the demands of the numerous lines be balanced?

The event also looks at the individual Diploma components, offering unrivalled access to best practice advice on topics like IAG, Functional Skills, work experience, additional and specialist learning, and timetabling.

**Lakeside Conference Centre,  
Aston University, Birmingham  
Thursday 18th March 2010**

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## Objectives

The 5th National Delivering Diplomas conference will offer delegates:

- One-on-one access through surgeries and workshops to key Diploma experts, including Sector Skills Councils and the QCDA.
- The chance to quiz practising teachers and heads from Diploma delivering schools and colleges, as well as employers who are involved in delivery.
- The chance to find the answers to all your Diploma-related questions via keynote speeches, workshops and the all-day QCDA surgery.
- An excellent chance for networking with fellow Diploma deliverers and to discover solutions which have worked elsewhere that you can take away and implement immediately.
- Access to pre and post-conference support through **SecEd** and Delivering **Diplomas**
- Specific advice about a number of the individual Diploma components, as well as other crucial areas such as IAG, Gateway guidance, and timetabling.
- The chance to showcase your consortium's work in Delivering **Diplomas** magazine and website.

## Who should attend?

- Secondary headteachers
- Secondary deputy headteachers
- Heads of sixth form
- Secondary school senior management teams
- Heads of 14-19 development
- Diploma co-ordinators
- Further education principals and lecturers
- Employers involved in Diplomas
- Employers interested in finding out more about Diplomas
- Employer learning providers
- Local authority representatives
- Learning strategy managers
- Learning and Skills Councils
- Other consortia members

# Delivering Diplomas: Sustaining Delivery

## Thursday 18th March 2010

Chairperson: **John May**, UK Chief Executive, Young Enterprise

09.00 – 09.35 **Registration, refreshments and exhibition viewing**

### Exhibition

The conference's exhibition will give access to key Diploma support bodies and organisations, including the Sector Skills Councils, as well as suppliers of Diploma services. Also, we will once again be joined by a group of students from Hanham High School (Kingswood Partnership, South Gloucestershire) who will be showcasing their work and speaking to delegates.

### All-day Diplomas surgery

New for this event will be a drop-in surgery running all day. Hosted by QCDA experts, the surgery will be a one-stop-shop for all Diploma enquiries.

09.35 – 09.40 **Pete Henshaw**, Editor **SecEd** and Delivering **Diplomas**

09.40 – 10.30 **Iain Wright MP**, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for 14 to 19 Reform and Apprenticeships (Exact timing TBC)

The newly created position of Minister for 14 to 19 Reform and Apprenticeships illustrates the government's commitment to the Diplomas agenda. Don't miss your chance to hear – and question – the first incumbent of this crucial role, Iain Wright MP.

**Teresa Bergin**, Head of Diploma, QCDA (Exact timing TBC)

The ever-popular Teresa Bergin will update delegates with the latest news and information from the QCDA Diploma team. Your chance to hear the views and guidance of, and to question, the QCDA's Head of Diploma.

10.30 – 11.00 **Sustaining secondary delivery**

**Phil Bevan**, Hanham High School, Kingswood Partnership, South Gloucestershire

What does it take to sustain Diploma delivery? What are the challenges for secondary schools involved in the Diplomas process? Hanham High is part of the successful Kingswood Partnership and has extensive experience of what it takes to sustain partnerships, keep momentum and work together. Deputy head Phil Bevan gives a practical take on the structures and processes that have helped Hanham to be so successful.

11.00 – 11.30 **Refreshments and exhibition viewing**

11.30 – 12.00 **Sustaining FE delivery**

**Dick Palmer**, City College Norwich

Moving up the education ladder, what are the crucial issues of Diploma sustainability from an FE viewpoint – how do you maintain your engagement with secondary schools and employers, and what are the processes and structures that are essential to ongoing delivery in FE? City College Norwich is delivering all but one of the first 10 Diplomas to more than 800 students. Principal Dick Palmer will be offering the conference his tried and tested delivery advice.

12.00 – 12.30 **Sustaining employer engagement**

**Gill Morris**, GMT Training, Education and Consultancy

The engaging and passionate Gill Morris, a Diploma Employer Champion, offers practical advice on how to ensure your existing Phase 1 and 2 employer partnerships maintain their momentum, especially in the current climate. She also looks at engaging new industry partners for Phase 3, offering key advice on how to be successful in bringing employers on board.

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch and exhibition viewing**

# Delivering Diplomas: Sustaining Delivery

## Fifth National Delivering Diplomas Conference: Workshop overviews

The afternoon will feature a total of eight workshops featuring leading experts and practitioners in each of the fields. Workshops A to D will run in the first hour, followed by workshops E to H in the second hour. Delegates will be free to move between workshops, although should state a preferred workshop for each session when booking.

### 13.30 – 14.30 WORKSHOPS A to D

#### WORKSHOP A: Phase 3 – Ask the Experts

Quiz representatives from the Sector Skills Councils for the Diplomas in Public Services, Retail, Sport and Active Leisure, and Travel and Tourism, which are being delivered from September 2010.

#### WORKSHOP B: Gateway guidance and re-submissions

Across England there are 14-19 partnerships examining disappointing results in Gateway 4. In Gateway 3, partnerships in more than half of the local authorities have learned that their Diploma proposals have been turned down or urgently require further work. Drawing on the experiences of the re-submission processes of Gateways 2 and 3, our experts discuss the secrets to Gateway success.

#### WORKSHOP C: Diploma assessment

Assessment is a crucial aspect of Diploma delivery and one for which there are many questions. This workshop will look to outline the key issues and challenges in this area and how consortia should be organising and managing their assessment of Diplomas. This workshop is aimed at teachers, exams officers, and curriculum planners.

#### WORKSHOP D: IAG

With so many consortia focusing on the core components of delivery, it can be all too easy for the crucial aspect of Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) to be overlooked. The government has launched a new strategy for 14 to 19 IAG. What does this mean for Diploma deliverers, teachers and lecturers on the ground?

14.30 – 15.00 Refreshments and exhibition viewing

### 15.00 – 16.00 WORKSHOPS E to H

#### WORKSHOP E: Work experience

What does it take to provide effective and engaging Diploma work experience? This workshop will include representatives from education and employment and will focus on how to prepare for work experience placements, how to ensure employers know what effective work experience entails, and what guidance schools and colleges can give to industry partners.

#### WORKSHOP F: Functional Skills

How are you preparing students for success in Functional Skills? This is a relatively new concept to educators and the many strategies for embedding Functional Skills into Diploma delivery have seen varying levels of success. This workshop is hosted by experts and practitioners who will discuss their approach and offer practical advice on how to tackle Functional Skills.

#### WORKSHOP G: Additional and Specialist Learning/Extended Project

Two core aspects of the Diploma, but which have to be delivered above and beyond the core curriculum. How do you structure both of these aspects? How do you manage the independent learning required by the extended project? Practising experts will once again explain how they have achieved success and will offer practical advice.

#### WORKSHOP H: Timetabling

Timetabling of all the various Diploma components and between so many partner institutions is difficult and there are many different approaches. This workshop will be hosted by senior leaders from consortia who will explain their varying methods of timetabling delivery and will discuss with delegates the secrets to success.

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I would like to secure my place at the **Delivering Diplomas: Sustaining Delivery** conference

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Title (Mr, Mrs etc): .....

Forenames .....

Surname .....

Job title .....

Contact address .....

Post code.....Telephone .....

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Awarding body .....

Which of the Diploma lines are you delivering? .....

I understand that this registration booking is subject to the booking conditions.

Signature .....

## CONFERENCE FEE

The cost of full attendance is **£250+VAT**

The main workshops I would like to attend are:

First session:  A  B  C  D

Second session:  E  F  G  H

Attending the conference entitles you to coffee, lunch, abstract details and free entry to the exhibition.

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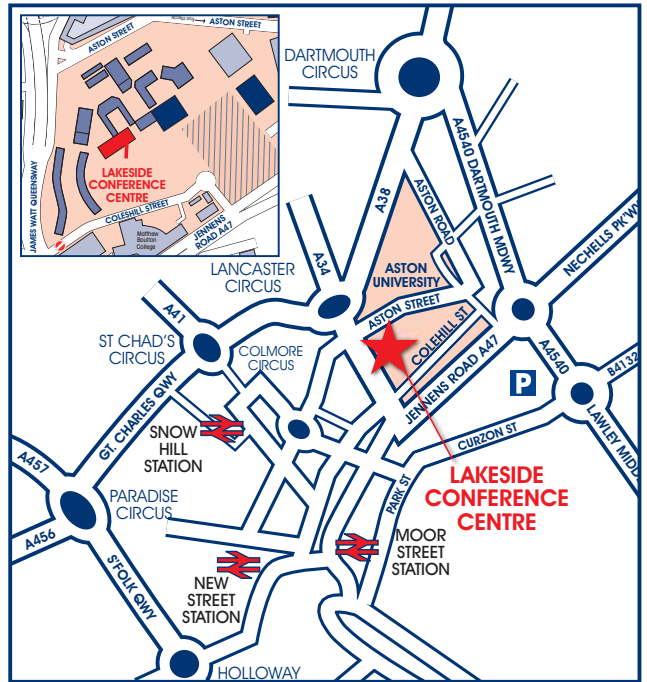
## How to get to the venue

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[www.abs.aston.ac.uk/conferenceaston/documents/ConferenceAstonmapanddirections.pdf](http://www.abs.aston.ac.uk/conferenceaston/documents/ConferenceAstonmapanddirections.pdf)

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Due to a new student residences project, the university car parks will be unavailable until Autumn 2010. These building works will not take place near Aston Business School Conference Centre and the only disruption caused will be to the car parking available on site. Events taking place at the venue will not be affected by the noise from these works. There are pay & display car parks close to the venue, but we would highly recommend the use of public transport during this period. Information for which is provided below.

**Rail Links:** New Street/Snow Hill/Moor Street train stations are all within 20 minutes walk of the venue or a 5 minute taxi ride. Please visit [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) to find appropriate routes into Birmingham Stations.  
**Bus Routes:** A number of bus services operate to the University Campus throughout the day. Please visit [www.travelwm.co.uk/](http://www.travelwm.co.uk/) bus where a route planner is available.



## Booking conditions

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- 3 Bookings may be made by telephone but payment must be made in full by credit card.
- 4 All payments, including credit card, must be in sterling.
- 5 The Company reserves the right to cancel a booking if payment is not made six weeks prior to the conference taking place. Any outstanding payment becomes the responsibility of the signatory made on the reservation form.
- 6 Payment for any booking made within six weeks of the conference will still be due to the company irrespective of whether the delegate attends.
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