

# Young People's Education and Skills Operational Sub-Group

## Workplan Monitoring – update February 2012

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**Summary** This paper provides a summary update of the major YPES work strands.

**Recommendations** OSG members are asked to note/comment.

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### 1 Data

- 1.1 *14-19 in London: an evidence base* was released at the beginning of the year, which uses data derived from themes one, two and three pan-London reports, as well as drawing on other available evidence/research.
- 1.2 The YPLA has reconfigured how it delivers data to local authorities, moving to a 'self-service' platform which focuses on the provision of data as opposed to the analysis of it. The YPLA has launched a data website (<http://data.ypla.gov.uk/>) and the Information Management Portal which hosts data securely. In light of these changes, the DAG began scoping how the YPES can continue to develop its data analysis role when it met on 1 December 2011.
- 1.3 YPES continues to work closely with the Department for Education (DfE) to inform their Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 Destination Measure work and sits on the stakeholder group for the project. The next meeting will be on 23 April 2012, at which detailed information about the timing and nature of the publication of the destination measures will be provided.
- 1.4 YPES commissioned Mime Consulting to develop a model to forecast future post-16 students with Special Educational Needs (SEN). The request for the necessary data was approved by the National Pupil Dataset team, and the first three phases of the project have been completed (project set-up; baseline data analysis and research; and engagement). The project is now moving into phase four (trialling the forecast framework) and is on track to be delivered by the end of March 2012.
- 1.5 YPES commissioned Learning Plus UK to complete a pan-London Travel to Success report which is due to be finalised by 17 February 2012. It will cover a breakdown of Level 3 achievement split into three categories – where young people learn; what young people learn; and how well young people learn.
- 1.6 The National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) made Apprenticeship data available to local authorities in January 2012 (subject to a data sharing protocol being signed by each authority).

- 1.7 The next DAG is scheduled for 14 March 2012, which will cover the workstreams described in paragraphs 1.1 – 1.6 above.

## **2 Improving Choices for Young People**

- 2.1 The [Careers Guidance Transition Framework for London](#) has been updated to reflect latest developments, including the Education Act receiving Royal Assent and the introduction of the Quality in Careers National Standard. At the last ICYP meeting (14 December 2011), members confirmed that the guidance was being used in practice and had been well received. A [page](#) dedicated to the Framework has been set-up on the London Councils website, which also hosts other useful documentation and guidance.
- 2.2 Since the launch of UCAS Progress in London (September 2011), the site has been running smoothly. The 2012/13 upload has been completed and promotional posters and leaflets have been sent to every institution.
- 2.3 The ICYP has been considering some of the key challenges around delivering full participation in London, and explored the work already undertaken in the London boroughs of Ealing and Havering. The group is working with DfE (and through them the Raising the Participation Age (RPA) local leaders network) to shape a workshop to share best practice on preparing for RPA. The provisional date for the workshop is 30 March
- 2.4 The ICYP launched a new Task and Finish Group to explore the impact of changes to careers guidance services across London on Client Caseload Information System (CCIS) reporting arrangements. The Task and Finish Group has met, and London South and West Sub Regional Units are compiling information that the YPES will use to prepare further guidance in this area. The YPES will also be undertaking an investigation into the large increase in the number of young people classified as 'not known'.
- 2.5 The next ICYP is scheduled for 29 February 2012, which will cover the workstreams described in paragraphs 2.1 – 2.4. above

## **3 ESF**

- 3.1 The ESF Steering Group meets on 8<sup>th</sup> February and a further update will be given at the OSG Meeting. The ESF Steering Group is due to receive the following reports:
- 3.1.1 *ESF Preventative NEET and Apprenticeship Activity.* The November meeting of the ESF Steering Group heard that most providers were not delivering to the profile agreed with the SFA / YPLA. The ESF Steering Group is expecting to have further details of the contract managers' reaction to under performance.
- 3.1.2 *NEET Programme.* The SFA is expected to provide the ESF Steering Group with an update on the contractors delivering the programme and local authorities should comment on their perceptions of contractors' setting-up, including the quality of early contact and communications between councils and providers.
- 3.1.3 *Greater London Authority.* The GLA is expected to update the ESF Steering Group on the launch of its specifications for young people disadvantaged in entering the labour market. A market warming event is planned for 21 February.
- 3.1.4 *London Partnership Protocol.* As the Regional Partnership Agreement, drafted from a template based on the previous government's paradigm for 14-19 provision, is no longer appropriate; a London Partnership Protocol is being prepared to reflect better the current allocation of responsibilities and working arrangements.

## **4 LLDD**

- 4.1 The membership of the LLDD Working Group has been expanded to include colleagues from the London Pathfinders.
- 4.2 A draft of the pan-London home/host reciprocal arrangements protocol for undertaking Learning Difficulty Assessments for young people learning outside their borough of residency was distributed for consultation in December; the deadline for feedback was 3 February. The protocol will be re-drafted to take account of this feedback and will be presented to London's Director's of Children's Services for endorsement and implementation.
- 4.3 The SEN projection modelling project is progressing well with members of the LLDD Working Group and the Data Advisory Group providing constructive input to early design work (see Data update, paragraph 1.4). The project is on course to deliver the projection model.
- 4.4 The group's focus over the coming months is the development of local provision and partnership working with Independent Specialist Providers.

## **5 Apprenticeships**

- 5.1 In December 2011 borough Leaders endorsed a pledge to encourage the creation of jobs and apprenticeships through borough supply chains. Over time this will support the creation of more apprenticeships throughout London, working for borough contractors.
- 5.2 London Councils is planning an event in March to announce the final total of apprentices created since 2009.
- 5.3 A number of projects to create new Higher apprenticeships have been funded by NAS – London Councils is seeking opportunities for boroughs to engage with these projects where relevant. The first of the new frameworks should be available from autumn 2012.

## **6 Consultation on Three-Year Vision**

- 6.1 In line with the Board's decision in November 2010, a schedule of activity and discussions to the end of April has been prepared and will be provided at the OSG Meeting (tabled under item 5). Further developments of the YPES website, including the Learner Voice, will allow better use of on-line consultation techniques and the use of social media.
- 6.2 The refresh of "*Choice, Support, Success*" is now available on-line.

## **7 Young Parents to Be (YPTB)**

- 7.1 Following the success of the YPTB Programme in 2010, London Councils Leaders' Committee approved a budget for 2012/13 that includes a council-funded programme for young parents / parents to be. It is intended to seek ESF match funding to enable a three year programme of activity of approximately £1.3m which will be designed to meet localised borough need. The programme will be developed during February / March for launch in April/May in conjunction with London Council Programme launch and complementing the GLA ESF targeted young peoples programme launch.