

GEM Yorkshire and Humber Training Day

ADULT ESSENTIAL SKILLS AWARENESS

Tuesday 25 November 2008

Leeds City Museum - Leeds

This training day is designed to raise awareness of the issues facing some adults who may have barriers to learning due to poor literacy and numeracy skills. In addition, it is designed to explore supportive and creative solutions to make learning more accessible for these adults, both in terms of educational approaches and materials. This intensive day will focus on two main themes:

1. Essential Skills Awareness

What is the extent of need in the UK and what type of problems do people have with literacy and numeracy? How can we support adults in this position and help them to develop their skills? Where might we look to refer these adults and what further sources of help and information are available?

2. Improving materials

How we read and what makes text easier to read; readability; ways of improving the content and layout of materials to ensure more people can access them; simplifying text.

Each delegate will receive a package of training materials which can help them in developing their education programme.

The training day is delivered by **Sara Hattersley**, *Assistant Manager at the Essential Skills Resource Centre - University of Warwick*.

The cost, including lunch and refreshments: £25 for Fed and GEM members and institutional members, £60 for non-members

Programme

- 09.30 Arrival and Refreshments
- 09.50 Welcome and introduction to the day **Lynne Minett**, *GEM Convenor (joint) Yorkshire*
- 10.00 Session 1: **What is Essential Skills?**
- 11.30 Refreshments
- 11.45 Session 2: **How can we support adults with poor essential skills?**
- 13.00 Lunch
- 13.45 Session 3: **How we read and assessing the quality of our written material for adults with poor essential skills?**
- 15.00 Refreshments
- 15.15 Session 4: **How can we improve the quality of our written material for adults with poor essential skills?**
- 16.30 Finish