

OLDHAM PARTNERSHIP – COMMISSIONED ACTIVITY

LAA BLOCK:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE

Activity Name:	<i>Young Professionals</i>
Activity Reference:	<i>LAA 11-04</i>
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Start Date:	1st April 2007
End Date:	31st March 2008

Summary:

Oldham College, in delivering the 'Young Professionals' commissioned activity, will build on the success achieved previously through the Employers First Choice project to establish The Oldham College as a 'Vocational Sixth Form' for people aged 16-19. In delivering this commissioned activity, we will raise the aspirations of Oldham's youth through a programme focused on employability, enrichment and entrepreneurship, leading to increased progression through vocational and occupational pathways to Higher Education and employment. We will deliver awareness sessions to schools focused on careers in the key skill shortage areas of Health & Care, Construction and Business & Finance. This will be coupled with an enrichment curriculum with a strong focus on employability, volunteering programmes related to specific vocational areas and continued commitment to Pacific Institute training for more personal tutors across the College to develop motivation and aspiration.

Through its delivery of the commissioned activity, the College will:

- raise the aspirations of Oldham's youth through a range of established and new programmes leading to increased retention, achievement and finally progression through vocational and occupational pathways to HE and employment.
- deliver a continued commitment to Pacific Institute training for more tutors across College to develop motivation and aspiration.
- deliver awareness sessions to secondary schools focused on careers in Oldham's skill shortage areas.
- undertake more outreach work into Oldham High Schools working directly with

identified groups of young people for whom vocational learning and work based learning are real alternatives to academic learning when

- deliver a programme of Employability, Enrichment and Entrepreneurship in college
- develop student democracy in college

LAA Indicator:	Work towards target:
The number of learners achieving Level 2 by the age of 19	(see above)
Percentage of learners achieving a Level 3 by the age of 19	
Percentage of 18-30 year olds participating in Higher Education	