

spotlight

on skills for work

Yeovil College Training provides high quality work-based and professional training programmes to help employers and employees fulfil their potential and work effectively whether in the public, private or voluntary sector. With expertise in a wide range of areas we offer scheduled, customised and work-based learning programmes. Working closely with our clients to establish their exact needs and requirements we ensure that the correct training is delivered. Our courses can be held at any time or place to suit the needs of your organisation.

A FEAST OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES LAUNCHED ACROSS SOMERSET



The School FEAST mobile training unit

Yeovil College and Somerset College joined forces recently and welcomed special guests, staff and students to the official launch of the School FEAST (Food Excellence And Skills Training) mobile training unit.

The long awaited launch came after a successful bid was accepted at the end of 2007, to become part of the School FEAST network, part of a national £220 million scheme to revolutionise school meals across the country.

The custom made 12 tonne HGV was built and created by Torton Bodies in Telford, after an idea to bring learning to the community and schools. Work began over a year ago to transform a humble cab and chassis into a unique, technically advanced training kitchen. The fully self-contained vehicle boasts a modern fitted training kitchen with five cookers, five hobs and three fridges. Television and audio visual equipment help to enhance learning and access is easy via steps and a lift ensuring the vehicle is fully accessible to all.

James Hampton, Principal of Yeovil College said, "This is a truly unique project, which has grown in strength from a very simple idea into a superb vehicle that will bring learning and the healthy eating agenda to the community."

The FEAST vehicle will be used across South and North Somerset and North and West Dorset to offer a wide range of training and support to all those involved in improving school meals, including school cooks, kitchen assistants, lunchtime supervisors, teachers, bursars and employers.

Emma Melhuish, School FEAST Manager said, "We're delighted with the excellent School FEAST mobile training unit that Yeovil and Somerset College have launched. This great new facility will play a key role in nurturing the school cooks of the future - training scores of highly skilled kitchen staff for hundreds of schools all across the county to help ensure more children and young people eat a healthy lunch every day in Somerset's schools."

The FEAST vehicle is already scheduled to visit a number of locations across Somerset, delivering training and new skills to the community on healthy eating.

If you would like to know more about the vehicle please call Veeda Crichton on 01935 845392.



The vehicle boasts a modern fitted training kitchen

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Yeovil College and Side by Side Training

Yeovil College is pleased to announce its partnership with Side by Side Training, a new child care and management training centre in Poundbury, Dorchester.

Side by Side Training Centre is a fully approved training centre registered with CACHE (Council for Awards in Children's Care & Education), an internationally recognised, specialist Awarding Body in the fields of Early Years, Care and Education and Playwork. The aim of the Centre is to provide top quality child care and management training which is accessible, flexible, individually tailored and available to everyone.

Shaun Hindle, Director of Business Training at Yeovil College said, "As Somerset and Dorset's leading provider of education and training, Yeovil College is pleased to have this opportunity to work with Side by Side Training."

Joy Scadden, Proprietor of Side by Side Training commented, "These are exciting times in early years care and we too are thrilled to launch our training centre in partnership with Yeovil College when there is so much emphasis on the need for high quality early years practitioners."



For further information about the training courses on offer please contact Side by Side Training on 01305 751298 or Yeovil College Training on 01935 845392.

Employer Information & Networking Event proved to be a great success!



The latest Employer event held at the University Centre Yeovil (UCY) was a great success with over 40 employers in attendance.

The event which is one of three held every year was focused on the current economic uncertainty. Employers were able to find out about funding opportunities being made available from the government and the range of training courses on offer at Yeovil College.

Guest speaker at the event was Rupert Cox, CEO Somerset Chamber who spoke about 'Working with your local college'.

The next employer event is being held in October.

Further information and the date will be posted on our website at www.yeovil.ac.uk

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YEOVIL COLLEGE GETS FIRED UP FOR APPRENTICESHIPS SCHEME ...

Yeovil College has teamed up with leading fire alarm company Gent by Honeywell to run a new engineering apprenticeship scheme. The Gent Fired Up initiative will create the next generation of specialist fire and safety engineers, with five out of the 26 apprentices places available nationwide, starting their two-year Fire, Security & Alarm NVQ courses at the Yeovil College North Dorset Skills Centre in Shaftesbury.



*Security Student
Ben Drewett*

The scheme has been designed by Gent to support the Fire Industry Association's (FIA) objective to create a more definitive career structure in the industry. The apprentices on the course will divide their time between college, gaining theoretical grounding while acquiring vital practical experience through working for one of Gent's approved System Integrators (SIs).

The scheme is targeted at technically minded school leavers from the age of 16 and above looking to gain skills and qualifications, while earning money as they train.

North Dorset Skills Centre Manager Tracey Zimmerman said, "The Get Fired Up scheme is great for our apprentices because it gives them the first step on their career ladder while studying and gaining practical experience with a successful local employer. Whilst taking part in their apprenticeship they will also have access to the latest fire alarm equipment for hands-on learning helping to build strong links with the companies involved, bridging that gap between completing the qualification and a career."

Dina Mistry, the Get Fired Up scheme manager for Gent said, "The fire and security industry is a serious business as it supplies the skills and tools that contribute to saving people's lives. The Get Fired Up scheme tackles a major industry issue, providing opportunities for work-based apprenticeships and training throughout the

UK. We are grateful for the support of Yeovil College to help us make this idea a reality. At Gent, we are acting to meet a deficiency of qualified fire service engineers. We are taking the burden of finding and training apprentices off our SIs by providing them with candidates and ensuring they receive the right training to become skilled engineers."

Skills for Security; the industry Sector Skills Council, has worked in collaboration with Gent to ensure the Knowledge of Security and Emergency Alarm Systems (1852) course is delivered by colleges to meet industry standards. Students on the course will work towards an NVQ Level 2 assessed by City & Guilds, with an option to continue to Level 3. During the second year of the course the Gent apprentices will be treated to Education Days at Gent's headquarters in Leicester, where they will see first hand the development and manufacture of the company's fire systems to gain a greater understanding of the project.

The North Dorset Skills Centre is a successful local centre for Yeovil College, serving the needs of the community in Shaftesbury and the surrounding areas. The centre operates a number of work-based apprenticeships for students ranging from 14 - 16 up to part-time adult and professional bespoke employer programmes and short courses. Course are available through the main course areas of Electrical, Plumbing, Hairdressing, ICT, Business and our Entry to Employment courses.

More information on the courses is available on our website www.yeovil.ac.uk or call The North Dorset Skills Centre on 01747 856010



*The North Dorset Skills Centre at
Shaftesbury*

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The **Part-time Prospectus** covers a wide range of part-time day, evening and flexible learning courses. Courses for leisure or to improve your career prospects or change your career direction - something for everyone!

We are now enrolling for a variety of courses including:

- NVQ 2 & 3 Professional Cookery
- Level 2 Award in Providing a Healthier School Meals Service
- NVQ 2 Multi Skills
- NVQ 3 Hospitality Supervision
- City & Guilds 1852 Security Systems
- Higher Professional Diploma in Early Years
- Foundation degree in Early Years
- NVQ 2, 3 & 4 Children's Care, Learning & Development
- NVQ 2 & 3 Health & Social Care
- NVQ 4 Leadership & Management for Care Services

The **University Centre Yeovil (UCY) Prospectus** covers a wide range of higher education and professional courses. Choose from Foundation degrees and Honours Degrees - most of which can be studied on a part-time or full-time basis.

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Part-time Information & Enrolment Event

Tuesday, 8th September, 4:00pm - 7:30pm at Yeovil College main campus.

For a variety of part-time and university level courses.

Come and speak to our specialist staff and enrol on a course for 2009/10

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