



Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service

Learning at Work Day 2006

The 'Learning at Work Day' event took place on Thursday 25th May between 12.00 and 2.00pm at Headquarters restaurant.

The aim was to promote the benefits of learning amongst all employees of Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service and to offer any necessary advice and guidance.

Although numbers who attended seemed to be on the low side it was felt to be a worthwhile event and feedback received suggested that those who did call in found the information on hand beneficial.

They had the opportunity, in a comfortable and friendly environment, to talk at length with people about the courses and learning opportunities available to them.

Thanks to Mandy Barker & Sue Long from the 'Derby Trade Union Education Centre' at Derby College who provided guidance on IT and other courses. They took contact details from a number of people and will be in touch.

Special thanks to Elaine Smith from Control for giving her time and enthusiasm to offer individuals a taster in British Sign Language.

Elaine has qualified at stage 1 and stage 2 and her passion for BSL and communication within the community was inspirational.

Also thanks to Tina Lloyd for giving up her lunch break to be available for any queries related to Development, ITOPs, ADCs etc.

Although there wasn't much call for her on the day I, at least, had the chance to benefit from her knowledge on NVQ's and other issues.

Thank you to all the staff in the restaurant for hosting the event and for all their assistance, and finally thanks to Ann Sharp (ULR-Control) for being the main organiser and arranging for all these people to attend.

There are currently 6 trained Union Learning Representatives (ULRs) within Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service.

To ensure the Union Learning Project is a success and that all employees benefit we really need to have Reps in all parts of the county.

If you think you might consider such a role then please contact any of those listed below. The Induction Courses for ULR's are 5 days long (1 day a week for 5 weeks) and take place at numerous venues.

Anyone attending the course will receive travelling/subsistence expenses and once trained will be entitled to time off for their ULR duties.

Andy Brickles (Regional Coordinator) 07779-305428 ULF06@fbu.org.uk

Ann Sharp (ULR) 01332-366189 (Control)

Ronnie Barker (ULR) 07960-447690 (Alfreton)

Phil Poole (ULR) 077084-20051 (Control)

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