



## Looking to the Future...

*The Education Business Futures Advisory Board*

### **Education Business Futures**

With effect from 1st April 2010, NEBA (Nottinghamshire Education Business Alliance) has joined forces with Connexions Nottinghamshire, the advice and guidance service for young people, and the 16-18 education and training commissioning services previously carried out by the LSC to form a new company called Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Futures.

Futures is owned and jointly controlled by Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. The employer engagement work previously carried out both by NEBA and by the Opportunities team in Connexions will continue under the 'brand' of Education Business Futures.

### **A little bit about NEBA's history**

As we move to a more integrated way of working through Education Business Futures, we want to reassure you that the services you currently receive from NEBA will continue.

Since 2001, NEBA, an Education Business Partnership (EBP) also known as an Education Business Link Organisation (EBLO), has been contracted by the LSC to carry out Work Related Learning Activity (WRL) in Nottinghamshire. Principally this has entailed creating and maintaining a database of employers who are willing to offer 14-16 year old school pupils work experience placements. Currently we have over 13,000 employers offering in excess of 18,000 different placement opportunities and approximately 11,000 Nottinghamshire learners secure a placement each year. We ensure that the young people are appropriately cared for by carrying out Health and Safety vetting visits to the placements and assessing Safeguarding issues.

NEBA has sought to broker positive relationships between education and businesses and we facilitate a range of activities including; mentoring, enterprise days, interview skills days, Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities, ambassador activities (business people visiting school sites to talk to pupils about their area of work) etc. We also organise Number Partners and Right to Read activities in Primary schools and work closely with Business in the Community to facilitate these, and other, activities.

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Since 2001, NEBA has strived to keep employers informed about 14-19 Education issues and has links with a number of employer forums across the City and County. We produce a monthly electronic newsletter, which currently reaches some 2,500 employers and business people. Through our links with employers, we seek to represent their views during strategic planning and to inform that planning process through the presentation of Local Labour Market Information.

### **Building on our success**

These are exciting times, the formation of Futures is an excellent opportunity to provide a more comprehensive service to employers, schools and young people. We will continue to build on the services outlined above and the new relationship with Connexions means that our links to young people will be strengthened considerably.

In order to ensure that Education Business Futures is effective in meeting the needs of Nottinghamshire employers, learners and education providers, we wish to form an Education Business Advisory Board to determine the strategy and priorities of Education Business Futures and to advise the Futures Board and the Local Authorities accordingly.

### **The Education Business Futures Advisory Board**

The Advisory Board will be drawn from a cross section of education professionals and the business community and will be chaired by Tim Richmond (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire). We plan to ask representatives from the following to join.

<b>Employers</b>	<b>Education / LA</b>
<b>Tim Richmond (Chair)</b>	<i>1 representative from each:</i>
	County 14-19 Team
<i>11 representatives from:</i>	City 14-19 Team
Major employers	County 14-19 Partnership (School Head)
SMEs	County 14-19 Partnership
Employer organisations	City 14-19 Partnership (School Head)
	City 14-19 Partnership
	Further Education (Vice Principal)
	Education Business Futures Manager

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