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North West Shared Services Programme News Update

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Funding

The Shared Services Programme Board has developed a plan to get best value for the funding that is available in the region. There is £53,700 funding on offer for each of the north west's five sub-regions and, because each of the sub-regions is at different stages with their shared services work, the funding will be allocated in a variety of ways. Funding should be used to establish governance, if this is not currently in place, and an effective 3 –5 year shared services strategy. For those who have already reached this stage of the process, some funding will be available for sustainable projects specified within existing strategies. Phil Swan and Rosemary Cowgill are visiting each of the sub-regions representatives to agree how this funding will be used in each sub-region.

LetsGo Group evolves to join the Business Improvement and Shared Services "What's in it for me?" Group

The NWEgg and NWCE Shared Services Programme is establishing a new event to be held every three months called 'What's in it for us?' The first event took place at Red Rose Hub Preston on June 19. At the last meeting of the LetsGo Group it was agreed, for practical reasons, to combine these two related groups so that a meeting will be held once every three months from 9.30am - 3.30pm with an agenda covering business improvement techniques and shared services. The new event will now be called the **Process Improvement and Shared Services What's in it for us? Group**. The first meeting of this newly combined group will take place September 19 2007. (The agenda will be available on the NWCE website and with a link from NWEgg website.)

Please note that all future LetsGo Group meetings have now been cancelled.

To register to attend on September 19, you will need to register on the NWCE website and then indicate your interest in this specific meeting (future dates will also be available to you). [Click here](#) to view the Shared Services section of the website.

Free NVQ Level 2 Business Improvement Techniques Training

"Efficient, effective, accelerated, sustainable and free"

Project Management and Productivity intervention are provided by NAc Group at no cost to authorities, as this is funded by further education colleagues who take part. The training is conducted on site so no night classes are needed or time out of work. Consultants train people in an organisation who then go on to train others. The only thing that interested authorities need to provide is the time release to do the course and the autonomy (within reason) to those taking part to make the necessary changes.

Average savings, per learner, per authority, is currently £6,600.00 per annum (70% of which is cashable) and the training takes between 12 and 16 weeks.

There has been a lot of interest so far from north west authorities and the training providers need between 250 - 250 people to go ahead.

A case study available on the [NWCE Shared Services website](#).

Website

A lot of work has been recently undertaken to ensure that useful information and case studies are available for you on shared services on the NWCE website with a link from the NWEgg website. To view please go to the NWCE website ([link](#)). At the bottom of the page select Shared Services. It's as simple as that! Here you will find information on events, copies of Share IT, the funding process and supporting documentation, the vision and terms of reference for the North West Shared Services Programme Board, case studies (north west and non-north west), DCLG guidance for shared services, legal advice on TUPE for shared services and for sharing a 151 Deputy, 4Ps and NECE Governance and Shared Service Delivery Options, Lessons Learned and many more. It's in your best interested to [take a look](#).



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