

# Memorandum of Understanding



This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into by and between **The Prince's Trust** and the **Learning and Skills Council (LSC)**

## 1. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes the principles for strategic partnership working between The Prince's Trust and the LSC ("the parties") and confirms the commitment of the parties to work together in the interest of young people in need, particularly those not in education, employment or training between the ages of 16 and 24 (the NEET group). It is not intended to impose legal obligation on the parties.

The Prince's Trust and the LSC share common goals:

- Establishing effective, high quality provision for the NEET group that delivers maximum impact;
- Developing a robust planning and funding process that aims to ensure all NEET provision, including Prince's Trust programmes, is effective in meeting NEET group needs;
- Better understanding the needs of the NEET group and the impact of provision;
- Developing stronger joint relationships with other agencies and the engagement of employers in key sectors; and
- Better exploitation of research, evaluation and monitoring.

All of these goals can be more effectively addressed by the parties working together. Both parties agree that this Strategic Partnership, combining the Trust's vision for young people and the LSC's mission to raise participation and attainment through high-quality education and training, should add significant value to the provision of high quality learning opportunities for the NEET group in each of the nine English regions.

## 2. Agreement

The Parties agree to the following aims and outcomes, and, through the planning process, will agree measurable targets for each outcome.

LSC	The Prince's Trust	Outcome
To ensure that clear planning criteria and processes are in place at national and regional level, for addressing the needs of the NEET group.	To contribute to the regional planning process by positioning Team and other Trust programmes and activities in support of NEET provision.	An agreed planning process and timetable at national and regional level, to inform the overall strategy, priorities and success measures for NEET provision.
To deliver targets for reducing numbers in the NEET group and improving outcomes for young people by purchasing high quality provision regionally, including Trust programmes.	Through the delivery of its programmes, support the LSC in delivering its Government targets, in particular reducing the NEET group and increasing the proportion of young people working towards a level 2 qualification	An improvement in the outcomes, including qualifications, work placements, further education and employment of the NEET group and of young adults with low basic skills, through better planning for and understanding of the needs of the NEET group
To set out priorities for NEET provision nationally and regionally, including identifying key locations and employment sectors for delivery and engagement.	To involve the LSC in researching key locations and suitable Delivery Partners for the effective provision of Trust programmes, within the Strategic Aims of The Prince's Trust.	Improved targeting, access and delivery of high quality NEET provision, including Team and other Trust programmes.
To encourage employer and employee engagement in working with the NEET group, particularly in key sectors.	To promote employee and employer engagement in working with Team and other Prince's Trust programmes, particularly in key sectors.	Improved job and training opportunities in key sectors.
To share research on issues facing NEET group provision.	To share research on the needs of the NEET group.	An improved understanding among youth agencies, policy makers and in government of the NEET group and its needs, and how these might be addressed.
Identify and share success measures for the impact of NEET provision, including the use of benchmarks.	Share its understanding of provision and approaches that work with the NEET group.	Measurement of the impact of NEET group provision, using the results to raise the quality of delivery and improve outcomes. An improvement in the overall quality of the learning experience achieved by providers, including The Trust.
Monitor and report on the quality, output and impact of LSC funded provision to the NEET group, including Team and other Prince's Trust programmes	Monitor and report on the quality, output and impact of Team and other Prince's Trust programmes	Wider dissemination of successful models of provision and the impact that Prince's Trust programmes have on the NEET group.
Provide information to Further Education colleges and other funders on the use of Prince's Trust programmes for achieving the strategic aims of the LSC.	Provide information and guidance to delivery partners and other funders on the use of Prince's Trust programmes in meeting the needs of the NEET group.	Improved longer-term quality and stability of provision to the NEET group, through the use of Prince's Trust and other programmes.

## 3. Administration and Management

Jointly, to:

- review the MoU through twice yearly meetings between the Chief Executives of the LSC and Prince's Trust
- advise other partners, including providers, of this Agreement
- manage the formal regional relationship within the MoU through the LSC's Regional Directors of Learning, Planning and Performance and Prince's Trust Regional Directors, including quarterly meetings at key times of year
- support this regional relationship nationally through regular planned meetings at key times of the year between the LSC National Director of Learning and Prince's Trust Director of Programmes and Policy, to include reference to policy development and direction

## 4. Evaluation and Review

The Parties agree to review this MOU by July 31st 2007 to assess the effectiveness of the strategic partnership arrangements in assisting The Prince's Trust and the LSC to achieve their expected outcomes. The leads will ensure that the strategic partnership is effective in addressing the aims and outcomes of this agreement.

THIS AGREEMENT is made the day of

10<sup>th</sup> July, 2006

BETWEEN

**The Prince's Trust** whose registered office is at 18 Park Square East, London NW1 4LH

AND

**The Learning & Skills Council** whose registered office is at Cheylesmore House, Quinton Road, Coventry CV1 2WT

Signed on behalf of The Prince's Trust

Signed on behalf of the Learning & Skills Council

**Martina Milburn**

Chief Executive

**Mark Haysom**

Chief Executive