

The Livery Companies Skills Council (LCSC) evolved from an initiative in 1993 by the then Lord Mayor to establish a forum within the Livery to promote vocational and educational training and to represent the concerns of the Livery to Government and policy makers. Our objectives are to serve the Livery by:

Promoting Excellence in Skills. The Master Certificate Scheme, run in partnership with City & Guilds, celebrates excellence, encourages progression beyond National Vocational Qualifications and recognises the very highest levels of skill and experience. The Scheme now includes career progression from apprenticeship through Journeyman to Master level. 15 Companies have adopted this Scheme. The most recent joint awards ceremony was held at Fishmongers Hall on February 2017 when certificates were presented by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley.



Fishmongers Hall 2017

Maintain dialogue with Policy Makers. LCSC submitted evidence to the Leitch Review, *Prosperity for all in the Global Economy*. We submitted a paper jointly with City & Guilds, *The Contribution of the Livery to Skills for Sustainable Growth*, which has paved the way for new apprenticeship initiatives. More recently, in concert with the City Remembrancer, we have submitted evidence to the Parliamentary Select Committee enquiry on Apprenticeships, responded to consultations and made representations to Government on policy and legislation relating to apprenticeship and technical education.

Engage with Government bodies in setting standards and creating sound training frameworks. Responsibility for standards has now passed from Sector Skills Councils to Employer-led initiatives through the Trailblazer programme. LCSC is directly involved in the Trailblazer programme, with an initial emphasis on the craft, engineering and manufacturing sectors.

Secure adequate funding for apprenticeships and vocational training. Following the Lord Mayor's Apprenticeship Seminar held at Mansion House in July 2012, we successfully bid for funds for a Livery apprenticeship scheme under the Government's Employer Ownership of Skills pilot programme. The Livery Companies Apprenticeship Scheme Ltd was set up to manage the Scheme. The Scheme was designed to fund 52 one and three year apprenticeships in the age range 16-25, across some 13 different disciplines, against standards and frameworks developed by the respective participating Livery Companies.

The Scheme is on track to complete the pilot programme within budget. All apprenticeships will be completed in July 2017 with a further three months for final verification, certification and evaluation. The evaluation has

already begun to review experience and document lessons learned, with particular reference to support for new Trailblazer apprenticeships. The findings and recommendations will be published in due course.



Advice on training and career development. We need to raise awareness of the range of career opportunities in the many craft, technical and professional disciplines espoused by the Livery. This is a huge task, but there is scope for collaboration. For example, the LCSC arranged a Livery pavilion at World Skills (the Skills Olympics) where over 200,000 young people visited over four days. We support more local skills events and work in conjunction with Livery Schools Link to do all we can to engage and motivate young people



Strengthen historic links with City & Guilds. The City and the Guilds came together in 1878 to create the City & Guilds of London Institute in response to a shortage of technical skills. C&G has a pre-eminent reputation in the eyes of Government and has grown to become a global business. We benefit enormously from their advice on policy and practice in education and skills and in turn we seek to reinforce their historic links with the Livery.

Why LCSC? While City & Guilds set standards and qualifications, there is no comparable mechanism for a collective approach to the delivery of skills training. A number of Livery Companies are fortunate and are able to run their own facilities; all support training to the extent that their limited resources will allow, but most do not have the capacity to organise training in house. We exist to support the Livery in these endeavours and to help those who wish to do more.

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