

Who is the Association of Employment and Learning Providers?



The Association of Employment and Learning Providers (AELP) has over 660+ member providers from the private, public and third sectors with voluntary sector providers comprising up to a third of the membership. Approximately 30 Further Education (FE) Colleges are also members.

AELP is a non-profit organisation, open to any organisation committed to quality vocational learning and employability services. AELP highly values its members' input and contribution. Our funding

source comes primarily from our membership. This allows us to sustain the independence of AELP and helps to focus our advocacy and membership services for our members.

Our goal is to influence the education, skills and employment agenda to secure:

- High quality Apprenticeships, including Higher Apprenticeships as the route to effective skills training
- Traineeships as the high quality route to sustainable jobs including Apprenticeships

We are recognised as one of the national stakeholders within the skills and employability landscape, with regular dialogue with all the key national policy makers and Government Departments, e.g. *Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)*, *Department for Education (DfE)* and *Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)*.

The pressure on budgets means that investment in skills, must be maintained to provide the driver for growth and to reduce unemployment. Joining AELP will

"AELP is leading the debate about the negative impact of the Government proposals on the Apprenticeship programme. We need the support of all providers."

ensure that we have a strong, single voice to support that investment in skills.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stewart Segal".

Stewart Segal
Chief Executive, AELP

Reasons to be an AELP member...

- AELP provides a unified 'single voice' on behalf of all employment and skills providers from the private, public and third sectors
- AELP protects members' interests and represents members' views
- AELP works tirelessly to ensure its members' views are taken into account by the Government and other national stakeholders
- AELP is working in partnership with the Government and other key stakeholders to influence policy direction for the 'Apprenticeship Reforms' implementation in respect of quality skills and employability provision in England
- AELP members are kept informed through its popular email briefing **Countdown** and its monthly newsletter **Sector Connect**
- New members are granted two **free AELP Webinar Sessions** in addition to the quarterly *Chief Executive's Update* webinar sessions
- AELP members can participate in exclusive occupational sector forum or programme led special interest groups
- AELP members receive preferential delegate rates to attend branded event activities
- AELP full members are offered a free delegate place to attend its two day flagship national conference
- AELP members receive concession rates with selected third party organisations' services and products
- AELP members have an effective dialogue and engagement with **Sector Bodies** and **Awarding Organisations**
- AELP works collaboratively with other representative organisations, e.g. the **Association of Colleges (AoC)**, **NIACE** and **The 157 Group**, plus other national stakeholders' bodies including **The Education and Training Foundation**
- AELP have member representatives working with Government departments, e.g. BIS, DfE, DWP and funding authorities, **Skills Funding Agency**, **Education Funding Agency (EFA)** and **Jobcentre Plus (JCP)** plus other national stakeholders
- AELP successfully campaigned for the single **Adult Skills Budget**.



Carla Slaughter accepting the 600th member award on behalf of Critical Skills UK Ltd from AELP Chairman, Martin Dunford OBE.

First to know...

As a member organisation you will be the first to learn about and have exclusive access to up-to-date information and analysis about policy changes which will affect skills and employment providers in their occupational skill area and sector footprint.

As a member you will receive regular communications, supported by AELP's highly respected and easily digestible members' newsletter **Countdown**. Plus as a member, you will receive other important information about events and market developments in our

monthly publication **Sector Connect**.

Members also have privilege access to restricted pages on the AELP website about Government policy development, AELP responses and attendance to exclusive **members' forums**.

*One voice,
representing
members'
views,
making a
difference*



Hawk Training, an AELP member, celebrates their Grade 1 award, 'Outstanding' following an Ofsted inspection; picture courtesy of FE Week.

It is estimated that AELP members train approximately **75%** of England's **850,000** apprentices currently on the programme.



Are you now ready to become a member?

To discuss becoming an AELP member and to begin to reap the benefits, please contact a staff member from the AELP membership team on telephone number **0117 947 2090** who will be happy to assist you with your enquiries by email at **membership@aelp.org.uk** quoting **AELP membership enquiry**.

For more information visit the AELP homepage - www.aelp.org.uk or follow us and keep up to date via our Twitter and LinkedIn pages.

