

KEEPING THE TEACHING STAFF UP TO DATE



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Have you ever wondered how, when you or one of your employees, attend a training course the teacher or trainer always seems to be up to date with current knowledge of working practices and regulations?

The solution is easy; the effort required is not. Teachers see currency as a continual challenge to their professionalism and work hard, often in their own time, to keep abreast of industry developments. This may involve attending course run by National bodies; researching new regulations or data and probably the most important – talking to you.

To enhance this continual updating process Eagit has entered the Business Interchange programme, which is sponsored by the Learning and Skills Improvement Service. Within this programme teaching staff are given the opportunity to visit our clients and employers in the work place to keep abreast of the requirements and developments in your organisation. Not only does this provide the teacher with an up to date view of your operation; it gives you the opportunity to discuss your training requirements directly with one of the team to who you entrust your learners.

If you would be interested in participating in the programme and actually having a teacher on site for maybe part of a day give us a call. (Tel: 01603-401606)



Editor's Note:

Mike Smith has never been one to blow his own trumpet, so I am going to give you some good news on his behalf. In February 2009, Mike was awarded a Master of Arts in Coaching and Mentoring Practice at Oxford Brookes University. His paper was entitled: "Can Coaching Create The Expert Learner In A Class Room Setting?"

As a result of his hard work in this field, Mike has been made a Fellow of the Institute for Learning (FifL).

In addition to all that, Mike is a finalist in the National Training Awards 2009. He was sponsored by EAGIT. The NTA (managed by UK Skills) sent a team of judges to EAGIT on 30 June to meet Mike and carry out an on-site visit as part of their assessment process.

Unfortunately, the results were not available before we went to press.