



LWBLA London East Vice Chair Nominations | May 2016

James Pearson | Operations Director | Jobwise Training

<http://www.jobwisetraining.co.uk/#>

I am the Operations Director of Jobwise Training, established in 1979. I have been working for the organisation since 2008. We hold direct contracts with the EFA and SFA. This year we will deliver approximately x 900 apprenticeships (from level 2 to level 5) and train and place x 200 16-19 Study Program learners. We also deliver approximately 80 Traineeships each year.

I have been the Ofsted nominee for the organisation since 2011. At our last inspection in 2013 we achieved a Grade 2 'Overall', with a Grade 1 for 'Outcomes for learners'. I am also the lead for all of our financial audits (i.e. PFAs).

We were chosen by Ofsted to hold a pilot inspection using the new common inspection framework in 2014 (unpublished) which gave us a good understanding of the new inspection regime. We have also been awarded two rounds of funding by the Education and Training Foundation to create a cloud based observation tool (called Ootl) to help providers monitor and improve the quality of teaching and learning using peer and student observations.

I have been an active member of the LWBLA since it was first established, and we're also an Apprenticeship Ambassador for London.

I believe strongly in the collective voice that LWBLA hold and would be delighted to represent independent training providers on the Board.

Paul Irving | CEO | Diva Apprenticeships

<http://www.divaapprenticeships.com/>

I would welcome the opportunity to represent Work Based Learning (WBL) providers across East London. Having worked in the WBL sector for the last 18 years I feel my experience to-date will lend itself well to LWBLA members, particularly as we navigate through the changes occurring to our landscape.

I have worked in FE Colleges, the Third Sector, owned and run a consultancy business and now part own an independent provider based in east London, delivering creative apprenticeships and traineeships in London and the South East. I therefore have an acute understanding of the challenges and opportunities the changes in our sector may have on all our organisations.

During my time as an independent consultant, I've supported independent providers and Further Education (FE) Colleges to achieve Grade 2 Ofsted inspections, helped increase success and completion rates by over 20%, developed apprenticeship and traineeship



programmes with large employers including local authorities, as well as developed internal teams from recruitment to MIS, and business development, resulting in an increase in apprenticeship starts by 32% in year. I was also the recipient of the National Training Award for individual contribution.

I started my first business at the age of 17 and am a true product of the FE system having gone back to vocational training and on to Higher Education in my late twenties. I value its importance in the broad spectrum of educational offer any thriving society requires, simply because of the access to opportunity it gives all within that society.

These are turbulent times for the sector and with turbulence can come uncertainty as well as opportunity. For us all to navigate our way through the apprenticeship reforms, the move to devolved funding and the changing face of the FE landscape we will require ever closer collaboration between all stakeholders and the LWBLA is the perfect vehicle to provide the conduit for this to happen.

I believe I can play a pivotal role in ensuring the voice of LWBLA members is heard.

Neil Coates | Director of Vocational Growth | Newham College

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Working as the Director of vocational growth at Newham College I oversee the provision for over 2000 apprentices. Through clear strategic planning this provision is above national rate timely and overall success, with outstanding employer feedback. Therefore, I have a clear understand of what is required to ensure a high quality provision is in place.

I have led on a number of priority projects and groups both at Newham college and in previous roles, working closely with partner's, local authorities, employers and MPs to ensure that the skills need for the area is meet and sustainable progression routes are identified and taken advantage of.

I am passionate about all forms of work based learning, especially apprenticeship and feel that I can provide a strong voice to ensure that the membership of LWBLA is supported and has a strong representation in a very uncertain but exciting time.

I believe that the new reforms will bring lots of opportunity for collaboration. Therefore, it is through this forum that London providers can benefit from working together to ensure that all programmes meet employer demands and learner needs, to increase the productively of our local labour market.