

Project Name: Stakeholder Event for Counselling

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Background

Herefordshire College of Technology currently provide a suite of Counselling Courses from level 2 Counselling Skills to level 5 in Therapeutic Counselling. These courses are very popular with good student numbers at all levels.

Indications from the Government and other key bodies about the regulation of counselling currently planned for 2008-2011, shows that a degree in Counselling or accreditation with the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) will probably be the benchmark for entry into the counselling profession.

There is an increasing demand for counselling in counselling centres, GP surgeries, schools and hospitals and many of the past Counselling students have gone on to find employment in a range of counselling settings.

Objectives of the Project

In view of the proposed changes within the field of Counselling Herefordshire college of Technology are planning to convert their current level 5 HND in Therapeutic Counselling Programme to a Foundation Degree in Counselling with a Top-up to a Degree in Counselling to be validated and delivered through the University of Worcester.

The objective of this project is to request funds from the Lifelong Learning Network (LLN) to host a stakeholder event at Hereford College of Technology to establish whether a graduate counselling profession is the right way forward for the people of Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Project Approach

An events committee will be established at Herefordshire College of Technology to organise the evening.

Scope:

A Key Products from the project

A stakeholder event will be used to establish whether a Foundation Degree in Counselling is the correct approach to meet the national demand for standardised and higher levels of counselling practitioner qualifications

B Out of Scope

Curriculum development of a Foundation degree in Counselling although a request for curriculum development monies will be made if the stakeholder event yields a positive response.

Constraints

Availability of a spokesperson from the British Association of Counselling
Availability of staff to form an event organisation committee

Initial Project Case

The project will firmly establish whether a Foundation Degree has currency amongst consumers and providers of counselling services in Herefordshire and Worcestershire. This includes; hospital trusts, local authorities, private counselling providers, schools and colleges.

Following on from the event a curriculum development group will be established with representation from employers and past HND counselling student, including appropriate and relevant staff from Herefordshire College of Technology, Worcester College of Technology and the University of Worcester. There is also the potential to involve Evesham and Kidderminster Colleges.

Benefits of the Project

- A clearly defined market for a FD Counselling programme
- A raised awareness of Foundation Degree
- Employer involvement at the start of the project

- Student involvement at the start of the project.

Key Assumptions

- There is sufficient interest amongst employers and the general public around counselling training
- That the counselling profession will require a graduate workforce

Costs

- Release of LLN funds to cover the cost of administration and refreshments for 100 people up to £750
- British Association Of Counselling and Psychology (BACP) expenses (if any)

How will the project be evaluated?

Event evaluation forms will be completed at the end of the event.

How will the project be sustained?

N/A

Initial Risk Log

The following table summarises the risks that have been identified that may prevent the project being completed to the required quality, budget and timescale. The probability and impact of each risk has been graded as low, medium or high to indicate the relative importance attached to each element of risk.

Risks	Probability	Impact	Containment Plan
Lack of consumer/provider support	low	low	Alternative date

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