

STAR (Training and Consultancy) Ltd specialises in delivering workforce development solutions to schools. Established in 2000 we have extensive experience of working with Local Authorities and the LSC to deliver a range of solutions including support staff qualifications, online training needs analysis and providing a range of consultancy support and are now one of the most recognised private providers operating within the schools market in the North of England.

We are a well established NVQ centre registered with both City and Guilds and OCR awarding bodies achieving excellent grades. In 2005 we were selected to become part of the school support staff CoVE (Centre of Vocational Excellence). In our 2006 A.L.I inspection we achieved a grade 2 and received praise from the assessors.

### 2006 Adult Learning Inspectorate Report

*'STAR (Training and Consultancy) Ltd has developed particularly effective partnership arrangements with a number of LA's. It is flexible and responsive in its strategies to meet the training needs identified by the LA's for their school support staff. STAR's staff contribute at national committees for the development of programmes for school support staff. This has enabled STAR to move forward to its prominent position within the sector and work effectively with LAs to meet the governments national priority for remodelling the schools workforce.'*

Increasingly LAs want to establish their own NVQ



centres to enable them to provide the holistic range of support staff development in house. We were recently approached by North Yorkshire and York LA to assist them to develop their own quality NVQ centres. Lindsey Bradbury has acted as the main consultant on the projects which have been a huge success with both authorities now progressing to their first EV visit with candidates coming to completion.

Nea Heathfield of York LA said about the process:

*'Using an external consultant has been invaluable in many ways. This is my first role as co-ordinator; STAR provided the benefit of experience, overview and valuable resources such as quality sample documentation we could adapt to purpose.'*

*STAR was encouraging and reassuring as well as knowledgeable about the process. Lindsey was*



*easy to approach for help and support when needed. She appears genuinely interested in the project.*

*Personally, I am now keen to achieve the V1 with STAR's support. In terms of the project, we are now currently delivering SWiS VQ Level 2 and looking towards adding the Level 3 to this. I would also be keen to deliver full NVQs in the future.'*

STAR can assist LA's with centre set up from start to finish including making the application to awarding bodies, getting the correct documentation in place through to the EV visit process.

For more information regarding consultancy support that we can offer you please do not hesitate to contact STAR using the details below.

