

I read with great interest recently, your Committee Update from the "Enterprise and Learning Committee"

I must admit, it's the first time I've seen this and it was forwarded to me from someone at WCVA, who understands our organisation and felt it would be of interest.

You've stated that you welcomed feedback and that you'd like to hear from people who wish to learn about the outputs, outcomes and ways of working with the committee.

I work for a Furniture and White Goods ReUse organisation in Swansea/Neath Port Talbot, who are a Registered Charity and Company Ltd by Guarantee.

A couple of years ago I secured funding to develop a range of Training Material to deliver an NVQ in Domestic Appliance Repair.

The material was co-developed with the Author of the Haynes Manuals for Domestic Appliance Repairs. www.haynes.co.uk

Most people know the books for Cars, but there is a Series of Appliance ones as well.

We developed the Training with ReUse/Recycling in mind, and compliant with a Minimum Requirement for a City & Guilds NVQ.

Also we had in mind that the material would be transferrable and contains DVD's with Video and Presentations to use in a Classroom, and further manuals for Portfolio of Evidence and an Assessors Manual.

The course fits well in a project like ours, who divert these Waste White Goods from Landfill, embedding them within the Training itself, and delivering the outputs (Fixed Repaired Goods) to the Social network of our own Charity shops and other Social Agencies with a needy client base.

We have expressions of interest in using our materials in the UK, and we hold the rights for the UK and Ireland on the material.

In my workings and understanding of WAG and the Local Authority, I see poor practice in the way that Waste is handled, and no clear illustration of how the Environment, Education and Social Departments are working together, to create a better method with greater outputs, outcomes and ROI on current expenditure. I feel wholeheartedly that this covers the areas in your remit which are Economic Development & Regeneration, Social Enterprise and Lifelong Learning

I want to know how the committee might, if they agree with my concept, assist in helping our Quality Training Material been used within current budgets to attain savings on Public Expenditure.

We have the Full support of this initiative from the Sectors Skills Council, Summit Skills who are asking us to set up a Wales & UK wide White Goods Skills Academy.

We would need guidance and support to do this, however the Material is here now and waiting to be used, so a quick start and return is possible.