



# learndirect scotland branded learning centre network

## What is the branded learning centre network?

The branded learning centre network is made up of over 500 quality-assured, client-focused learning centres throughout Scotland from a diverse range of providers, including colleges, libraries, community based, private training providers, trade unions, community schools, local authorities and corporate organisations.

Learning centres offer a number of learning opportunities both accredited and non-accredited in various subjects covering personal development, employability, professional development, ICT, Sector Specific and personal interest.

## What is available through branded learning centres?

Each learning centre will offer a wide variety of learning opportunities specific to their specialisms and client groups.

Working in partnership with a branded learning centre – an organisation can gain access to a range of resources and support that the learning centre receives through learndirect scotland. Not all learning centres will use these resources as this is dependent on their client groups. Some of the support and resources available are noted below:

### E-learning – learning bytes

Learning bytes are a range of over 650 online learning courses covering a wide range of interests and skills, there is everything from short courses on subjects such as dealing with debt or using the internet to professional courses on business management or office software.

Learning byte clusters: A number of clusters have been developed from learning bytes which have been ILA Scotland approved. These clusters have been developed in the following topics; Care, Construction, Creativity, Return to Study, Return to Work, Tele-skills, Time Management and Tourism

Learning for jobs learning byte clusters and resource packs: Resource packs full of advice and guidance from other learning centres have been designed to complement and support learning for jobs learning

byte clusters. These recommended clusters focus on the following subjects; Employability, Young People not in Employment, Education or Training and School Age Learners.

### E-learning – learning bytes for business

Learning bytes for business are clusters of short online courses targeting staff training and development in businesses. Specific tutor workbooks have been created to complement the courses. Courses have been developed for the Construction Sector, Financial Sector, Food & Drink Sector and the Tourism Sector

### Accessibility Toolkit

Branded learning centres have access to a bank of accessibility equipment and resources to use with learners. Consultation with AbilityNet helped with the selection of the equipment.

### How can an organisation link up with the branded learning centre network?

There are a number of ways that an organisation may wish to link up with the branded learning centre network. In the past we have had organisations partner with us to:

- find quality assured local learning centres to deliver training as part of a project;
- find quality assured local learning centres to work with them to introduce e-learning as a possible learning mode;
- inform the learning centre network about particular learning related information or projects that they wish disseminated to learners through learning providers;
- develop training information for the staff of the branded learning centres to enable staff to work with particular client groups;
- become part of the branded learning centre network.

### Where are all the branded learning centres?

There are branded learning centres all around the country, visit [www.lds4partners.com](http://www.lds4partners.com) to find a listing of all the branded learning centres.

### What next?

To find out more about working with the branded learning centre network visit [www.lds4partners.com](http://www.lds4partners.com)