

Diploma consultation events help to set the future of UK manufacturing qualifications

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Unable to attend the final events? There is still time to have your say!

If you were unable to attend the Leeds consultation event on 30th January, and can't make the London event on the 8th February, there will still be an opportunity to have your say.

After the final event on the 8th February, the project team will be looking to complete a revised first draft of the learning outcomes, based on the employer steering group and the two consultation events. Once the writers have embedded the feedback given from the two events, this will then be made available for wider consultation. Therefore, please keep the following key dates in your diary:

- **14th Feb— First Draft of Diploma Content**
- **Early March—Second Draft of Diploma Content**
- **30th March—Final Diploma content passed to Awarding Bodies**

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The first of the two final Manufacturing Diploma consultation events took place on Tuesday 30th January at the University of Leeds.

Attended by 70 delegates, the full day event gave employers, schools and HE/FE training providers a further input into the proposed content and structure of the new Diploma qualification, due to be rolled out in schools from September 2009.

The event included a keynote speech on the employer perspective on the benefits of Diploma's from Paul Pritchard (bottom left) of the JCB Academy who talked of the need for a qualification which meets the needs of the modern day manufacturing industry. Paul's full speech is available [here](#).



Derek Jones, (top left) Project lead on the Manufacturing Diploma also updated attendees on work done on the Diploma to date and the reasons behind decisions so far. The afternoon concluded with four workshops which looked in detail at the proposed qualification levels and topics of both generic and specialist learning. All in all the day was a great success, the audience generally approved the content although

some minor concerns were raised around the speed of the qualification development, the requirements for work experience on employers and low levels of engagement so far with schools, parents and young people.

Its not to late to have your say....

Remember if you did not make the Leeds consultation event this week, the second and last consultation event will take place in London on 8th February at Woburn House, Tavistock Square. There are limited spaces left so [book your place by clicking here](#).

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