

YORK HOUSING ASSOCIATION'S SKILLS PLEDGE



York Housing Association, a not-for-profit organisation, established in 1964 provides housing and support services to over 600 households in the Yorkshire and the Humber area.

As enthusiastic about developing their staff as they are their communities, they have made a very public commitment to develop their employee's skills. In November 2008 they signed the Skills Pledge – A pledge to train all staff up to at least a level 2 standard.

Launched by Gordon Brown in June 2007, the Skills Pledge has helped over 11,200 organisations to develop the skills of their people.

On the Skills Pledge Sir Digby Jones from UK Skills Envoy said:

'I warmly congratulate all employers who have led the way by making the Skills Pledge. By taking this step you are showing other employers that by investing in the skills of your people you are investing in your business.'

By meeting with Train to Gain Skills Broker Sheila Craggs, York Housing Association Team Leader Kirsty Dixon was shown all the best possible options available to her. She was then referred to Selby College who were able to offer the customer service qualifications required by her staff at a fraction of the cost.



'Skills are vitally important for individuals for their future employability and for the success of businesses throughout the UK.'

Alan Johnson
Secretary of State for State of Education & Skills

Team Leader Kirsty said:

'Staff training is definitely important. I hope that this training will have a great impact on both the organisation and the individuals. I would certainly use the Train to Gain service again.'

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