

Jobcentre Plus Employer Agenda

To establish Jobcentre Plus as the recruitment partner of choice, we need to ensure that employer needs are met by:-

- **Placing them at the heart of the Government Welfare to Work agenda, and**
- **Responding flexibly and innovatively to changes in the labour market**

To achieve this we need to:-

- **Engage with key employers most likely to provide the job opportunities that will meet the requirements of our customer base**
- **In particular engage with those employers who will help us to assist our most disadvantaged customer groups**

Local Employment Partnerships

To support this Local Employment Partnerships were announced in July 2007 by prime Minister Gordon Brown

The aim of Local Employment Partnerships is to help employers access more people with ready-to-work skills and a ready-to-work attitude.

Employers are asked to open up their job opportunities to a wider pool of talent which would benefit their business and their local community.

Specific measures are on offer to help support our disadvantaged customers into work

Local Employment Partnerships

These measures include:-

- **offering of Work Trials**
- **offering a targeted number of places for New Deal participants**
- **working with JCP to design pre employment training**
- **encouraging their employees to offer mentoring**
- **a review of the employees application processes**
- **Providing further training**

**LEP Employer Engagement
Edinburgh Lothians & Borders**

**Healthcare sector – NHS, Scottish Ambulance
Service, BUPA**

**Hospitality sector – IHG, Hilton Group, Balmoral,
MacDonald Hotel Group**

Retail sector – Debenhams, Morrisons, Asda, Tesco

Financial Services sector – HSBC, Standard Life

Progress to date

- To date over 500 employers have agreed to LEP throughout the District
- 528 people have gone into work as a result of LEP vacancies

Questions and Answers

