



Press Release

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Title: Leisure apprenticeships Launched

Body:

South Gloucestershire Leisure (SGL) has just entered into an exciting partnership with SkillsActive to deliver an apprenticeship programme to Leisure Operations staff. In January 28 apprentices commenced training for level 2 and level 3 apprenticeships respectively.

To celebrate this partnership and National Apprenticeship Week 2009, SkillsActive will be hosting an Apprenticeships Launch event at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre on **Friday 27th February between 11am and 1pm.**

The training to be delivered over 2 years by Chartstage is designed to offer ongoing training and development to ensure that that South Gloucestershire Leisure's workforce is prepared to face the demands of working in a fast moving customer focussed business.

Filton College's n-gaged training team are also supporting SGL's training programme and are creating tailor made solutions for other areas of the business such as catering, marketing and management development

Chief Executive of SGL Mark Crutchley said 'I'm delighted to be able to offer our employees the opportunity of such high quality learning, to invest in our staff with this scheme is an incredibly positive prospect and will only add to our commitment to improve services for our customers.

Adrian Cable of SkillsActive said "Apprenticeships represent a fantastic opportunity for employers in the Sports and Leisure industry to train their existing staff and develop their skills. The commitment to developing their staff by SGL, and the training solutions provided by Chartstage and by Filton College is a great example of good practice.

The event on 27th February will take the following format:

11.00am – 12.00noon	Delivery of one training module to apprentices
12.00noon – 1.30pm	Welcome by SGL Chief Executive, Q&A session with SkillsActive, Chartstage & opportunity to meet with the apprentices.

Ends

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Notes for Editors:

- Photographers/film crews are invited to attend the event please contact James Clifford on 01454 867065/07712630579 or james.clifford@southglos.gov.uk to confirm details.
- **South Gloucestershire Leisure Ltd** - South Gloucestershire Leisure Ltd is a charitable trust established in November 2005. It operates the five leisure centres in South Gloucestershire on behalf of South Gloucestershire Council. The Trust is overseen by a board of voluntary trustees.
- **Skills Active** – SkillsActive is the Sector Skills Council for active leisure and learning. The active leisure and learning sector is made up of five sub-sectors: sport and recreation, health and fitness, playwork, the outdoors, and caravans. SkillsActive works with all five sub-sectors to increase the demand for, the quality and the supply of skills provision, to bring all areas together in collaboration, and to lobby funding agencies and policy makers for improvements to the sector.
- **Chartstage** - Chartstage is at the forefront of community sport training and development in the UK. We advise, train and inspire staff and managers who are involved in all aspects of community sport, from the sports and leisure industry to social inclusion projects.
- **N-gaged** - provides high quality training and development to meet all of your business needs from up killing your staff with Basic Skills through to high level management qualifications in order for you to achieve your business aims.
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