Useful Websites

The best websites for up to date information and further references on employee and organisation development are

www.cipd.co.uk, the website of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
www.inst-mgt.org.uk the website of the Institute of Management

Each of these organisations specialises in all aspects of collective and individual employee development. They are recognised as the major resources available in the field in the UK.

Other Useful Organisations

ExpressExec, an imprint of John Wiley Inc, offering a wide range of easily accessable books and web pages on all aspects of employee and management learning and development

www.expressexec.com

The Open University, which provides foundation, undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses for all professional and management development activities

www.open.ac.uk

Technical, Vocational and Prevocational Education and Training is provided and supervised by a variety of bodies. The most widely regarded are
- The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) - www.londonchamber.co.uk
- the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) - www.rsa.org.uk
- City and Guilds of London Institute (CGLI) - www.city-and-guilds.co.uk
- BTEC - www.btec.org.uk
- QCA - www.qca.org.uk/nq/framework
- Sector Skills Development Agency - www.sdda.org.uk
- Learning and Skills Council - www.lsc.gov.uk/

Learning and Enterprise Bodies

These exist throughout the UK. Originally founded as local Training and Enterprise Councils, their remit has been extended in recent years to cover all aspects of business and organisation development. Many have either expanded or merged to increase their capability and resources. They provide training courses, consultancy and advisory services and are a fountain of knowledge in all aspects of learning and development.

Examples are:

Learning and Business Link, serving the South East of the UK - www.lbl.co.uk
London Business Link, serving London and the Home Counties - www.bi4london.com

Colleges of Further and Higher Education

Local colleges now have a primary role in serving the foundation, technical, vocational and professional training needs in their communities and localities. Most have websites on which they
list their range of work. Many also offer basic consultancy and advisory services, and will put on short courses for companies and organisations by arrangement. www.scit.wlv.ac.uk/ukinfo/uk.map.colls.html provides links to many of these institutions websites.

Universities

Many universities are also turning their attention to commercial short courses for the companies and organisations in their area; others have established 'Centres for the Banking Industry' or 'Centres for the Study of Employee Relations' in which they offer this expertise on a nationwide basis, including the provision of training and development activities for employees. www.braintrack.com provides links to the websites of universities worldwide.

Specialist Colleges, Professional Associations and Other Bodies

Examples include:
- the London College of Fashion (www.lcf.linst.ac.uk)
- the Kent Institute of Art and Design (www.kiad.ac.uk)
- The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (www.rada.com)
- Construction Industry Training Board (www.citb.org.uk)
- NEBS Management (www.nebsmgt.co.uk)

Lists of specialist colleges and other bodies, and their websites, can be obtained from Learning and Business Link companies and local colleges of further and higher education. They can also be obtained very easily from search engines such as www.google.com and www.ask.co.uk

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