

Inspection Services

We are pleased to offer our expertise and experience in providing inspection services to colleges and other providers outside Sussex.




We can provide experts to conduct quality improvement activities which may vary from a one day focus of observations to replicating a full inspection.

We deliver this using a range of inspectors who are registered with FE Sussex. All of the team have current inspection experience. The range of expertise covered includes:

- GFE college provision
- SFC provision
- Work based learning providers
- Adult and Community education

CVs of our team are available on request.

Our recent client list:

	<p>Across one working week six of FE Sussex's team of registered inspectors undertook a national inspection of Eastleigh College's work based learning sub-contractors together with in-college apprenticeship provision and study programmes. A specialist report editor assisted the lead inspector to provide the college with 15 reports covering individual sub-contractor performance and in-college provision. These reports will feed into the college's quality improvement activities. Principal Dr Jan Edrich said "I was very pleased to work with FE Sussex. Their inspector team were highly professional and identified pertinent issues throughout the inspection week. It was highly effective both in terms of staff development and the insight that this external lens on the provision gave us for quality improvement planning".</p>
	<p>Weymouth College commissioned FE Sussex's registered inspector team to provide inspection services and lesson observations. The inspection report was used as part of the quality improvement strategy of the college. Principal Nigel Evans said "Using FE Sussex inspection services enabled us to use the inspection report to assist in compiling and implementing our quality strategy".</p>
	<p>West Sussex County Council Adult and Community Learning: One of FE Sussex's inspector team continues to assist West Sussex County Council to identify and assist in the performance improvement of one of their sub-contractors for Community Education. Danny Pell, Head of Business, Post-16 Provision and Skills Children, Adults, Families, Health and Education Directorate said "We are grateful for the assistance FE Sussex education and training quality improvement inspectors have given us. They bring the benefit of a wide range of experience of quality improvement and inspection improvement techniques".</p>

- Colleges of Excellence, Saudi Arabia
- Eastleigh College
- Kent County Council Adult and Community Learning

Inspection activities

Inspection activities are determined by the provider commissioning the service and judgement can be provided if required on:

- Overall effectiveness
- The effectiveness of leadership and management
- The quality of teaching, learning and assessment
- Personal development behaviour and welfare
- Outcomes for learners
- Evaluation of 16-19 study programmes
- Adult learning programmes
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Provision for learners with high needs

To achieve the above we engage in a range of inspection activities such as:

- The use of the SAR and QIP as a quality improvement plan
- Lesson observations and learning walks (graded and developmental)
- Correlation of the internal QA systems of the college
- Meetings with learners and parents
- Ascertaining evidence on the provision and supervision of work experience
- Meeting with leaders and governors regarding the strategy of the provider
- Inspection and judgement of study plans
- Meetings with managers regarding management of curriculum and college
- Meetings with employers regarding the work based provision of the college
- Sampling of SLAs
- Sampling of ILPs
- Examination of records of internal quality checks on teaching, learning and assessment
- Sampling of learner feedback, its analysis and use to improve quality
- Judgement and comment on the provider's action and engagement in meeting the required standards of Safeguarding, British Values and Equality and Diversity

The inspection report

We can provide a report in format and detail to meet your organisation's requirements. These may be curriculum area specific, cover the whole college/provider, themed (eg study programmes or work based learning) etc.

It is our normal practice to include a section on Areas for Improvement to assist in the compilation of the QIP.

For more information, examples of our work with previous clients and typical daily rates please contact: Tim Strickland



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