

CGL News

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Up and running

The clusters are now up and running and we are pleased to report that we have had two successful rounds of meetings since the strategy was launched. A number of the short term actions from the strategy have been set in motion and cluster companies, in collaboration with partners, are taking leadership of both the strategy and its delivery.

We have consulted with 12 of the largest airport-based employers and cluster members and have agreed the development of a pilot bus scheme. The planning of the service is progressing well and the hope is that the service will start operating during the first quarter of 2007. Buses will run from selected residential areas and go direct to the Airport serving Airport employees only. The service will begin to address the barrier to airport employment posed by inadequate public transport services during off-peak hours. If your company is based in or around the Airport and you would like to take advantage of the service or contribute to it's development, please contact City Growth Luton.

Important date

Wednesday, 29th November 2006

Introductory WEEE Directive Seminar, University of Bedfordshire CETL, Park Square Campus

12:30 - Buffet lunch

1:30 — Workshop

The Aerospace cluster went on a successful tour of the Bedford College Aerospace facility on the 13th of October. Bedford College provides aerospace engineering training from Level 2 to foundation level and is already working with some of our Aerospace Cluster companies in various areas including secondments, apprenticeships and the re-skilling of older employees. They can also provide bespoke training and are continuously expanding areas where demand exists.

Those involved in ICT activity will know that the WEEE Directive will soon become a reality and compliance will, no doubt, affect your company's bottom line. City Growth Luton, in collaboration with the M1 Knowledge Exchange and Pictons Solicitors, will be holding an introductory WEEE Directive workshop on the 29th of November, covering the legal implications of compliance. A follow-on breakfast will be held early next year, covering the practical aspects.

Please note

The next series of cluster meetings will be virtual, through an online forum via the City Growth Luton website (www.citygrowthluton.com). This will, hopefully provide a more dynamic and flexible mechanism which you can use in the comfort of your office. Details will be made available in due course.

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Please also note that the next issue of CGL News will be out in January 2007. Thereafter, CGL News will be a quarterly publication providing information about City Growth Luton and cluster activities.

If you would like to join a cluster or if you

