

**Lifelong Learning UK Voluntary and Community Sector Ambassador Report –
March 2007**

Outcomes	Timescale	Progress
Attend Project Steering Group and Ambassador meetings	March 2007	<p>5 Ambassador meetings have been attended:</p> <p>6th April 7th June 25th July 27th September 1st December</p> <p>5 Project Steering Group meetings have also been attended:</p> <p>6th April 1st June 25th July 4th October 11th December</p> <p>The final joint meeting on the 12th April will also be attended.</p>
Share best practice with other Ambassadors re SSA research methods etc.	March 2007	<p>Discussions have been undertaken during the ambassador meetings and individually with UK Workforce Hub around this area. In addition, LLUK is involved with a piece of work being led by Skills for Justice in Northern Ireland to scope the Voluntary and Community Sector. We are also working jointly with the Council for Wales Voluntary Youth Service to undertake a study of the voluntary youth sector in Wales.</p>
Represent VCS employers on SSA Project Steering Group.	March 2007	<p>I have been a member of the internal project team for the SSA since its inception. As well as ensuring that LLUK takes a holistic view of its footprint, in terms of the 5 constituencies that we represent, I also ensure that actions are planned to ensure appropriate testing of the identified skills issues for the VCS. I have worked with the SSA manager to create an action plan for engagement as part of stage 3 to include the VCS.</p>
Liaise with S&Q team to ensure VSC priorities (as identified in Phase 2) are understood and considered when developing the SQS.	March 2007	<p>To date, the primary set of NOS that have been developed that will have an impact on the VCS are the Youth Work NOS. I have been in contact with the Project Manager for this piece of work to ensure that adequate</p>

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		consultation with the VCS takes place during the development phase. From 13 consultation events, 3 had a specific VCS focus.
Ensure one pilot for the Careers Action Research Project is a VCS employer and analyse any differences in requirements to support work placements.	March 2007	The pilot organisations for the project have now been identified; they include 2 community libraries and 1 small private, not for profit archive. The result from the pilots will not be available until June 2007 however analysis will be carried out to identify if the level or type of support needed by these organisations differs from others.
Raise awareness of current work with the Council.	March 2007	Work is ongoing in this area. The review of the LLUK Council is taking place currently. This awareness raising will be undertaken once the new Council is in place.
When reviewing how the panels will feed into the Council refreshment ensure VCS representation is considered.	March 2007	A review strategy is being developed for the constituency panels as well as the Council and this will include a matrix of the coverage we need to ensure in terms of representation. This will include VCS representation.
Promote further uses and implementation of the NOS.	March 2007	As part of the development of the Library, Archive and Information Services NOS, consultations have been undertaken with employers and stakeholders. Consideration is given at these consultations to the uses of the NOS, aside from their use to underpin vocational qualifications.
Total resource available from SkillsActive		£6300