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**WELCOME** to the first in a series of short bulletins designed to keep our provider network up to speed with developments.

We have made significant progress and we aim to build on that work and create a strong and collaborative environment that will benefit everyone involved.

If you have any queries regarding any element of this newsletter, please contact Gemma Osula ([g.osula@process.nsacademy.co.uk](mailto:g.osula@process.nsacademy.co.uk)) or Neil Smith ([n.smith@process.nsacademy.co.uk](mailto:n.smith@process.nsacademy.co.uk)) and they will be pleased to help.

## Network development groups forge ahead

Many of you will already be aware that our Provider Accreditation strategy focuses on the creation of Network Development Groups (NDG). These will be created for each of the areas of accreditation the Academy offers, and each group will work together on the following themes:

- Knowledge & technology transfer
- Provider CPD development & delivery
- Network continuous improvement
- Workshops and seminars
- Short course development
- Qualification development

Central to each Network Development Group is a Network Development Partner (NDP). This individual will be responsible for co-ordinating the activities of the group to ensure that new and innovative training courses are developed and standards raised nationwide. We will be supporting the development of each group through seed funding.

We have recently recruited Network Development Partners for Business Improvement, Technical Competence, Management and Leadership, and Polymers. We are also pleased to announce the allocation of a £20,000 development budget for each of these groups to support the achievement of objectives over the next 12 months.

Activity is already underway within each of these groups, with first meetings currently taking place and strategic objectives being set.

**If you would like more information on the activities taking place please contact the relevant Network Development Partner directly:**

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# Spanish conference announced

SMC International Training is to host this year's second conference for Academy members, which takes place on the 13th-16th October in Northern Spain.

SMC and the Academy are looking to concentrate the agenda on developing the infrastructure of the national development centres for the process sector, discussing a strategy for the emerging issues of apprenticeships, and also take ideas on how to fully develop a tailored learning tool that will form a resource for supporting the Manufacturing and Engineering 14-19 year old Diploma partnerships.

This is a key conference, which will build on the year's plans and ideas, and consider how the industry sector needs to sustain growth and direction amongst the fiscal challenges we are all facing. Further details will be released in July.



# Workshop voted a success

Thank you to all that attended the two-day workshop in May at Walton Hall.

The workshop proved to be a great success and we hope to have the first draft of the Charter available for your review by the end of July.

**“Collaboration will benefit everyone in making industry competitive.”**

Kanchan Sanyal, West Nottinghamshire College.

**“We need to build more bridges and fewer walls.”**

Brian Halliwell, Trafford College.

**“I enjoyed the transparency and spin-free honesty of the event.”**

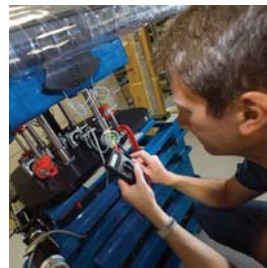
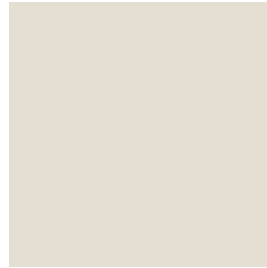
Dr Ellen Patrick, Wirral Metropolitan College.



## New funding solutions underway

The Academy is constantly looking to secure extra funds to support the training being delivered by its provider network. In recent months we have been working very closely with a funding expert to accelerate this process. Initial indications are positive and we expect to be submitting bids for both regional and national projects in the near future.

We will keep you informed of our progress.



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