

National:

The future jobs fund aims to create 170,000 additional jobs, primarily for 18 to 24 year-olds who have been out of work for nearly a year, to deliver real benefits to communities. This page gives more information. Future jobs fund awards information for January 2010 has been added.

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (17.2.10), *Future jobs fund*, <http://campaigns.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund/>, Crown Copyright.

Business leaders have hailed the Government's flagship Train to Gain programme, saying it has helped them provide vital training to their staff during the downturn. In a Learning and Skills Council survey of employers who use the training initiative, 80 per cent said they were likely to recommend Train to Gain to other employers and use it again themselves. A significant number of employers (41 per cent) also said Train to Gain had helped them cope with the recession.

Department for Business Innovation and Skills (4.2.10), *Train to Gain helps businesses of all sizes fight recession*, <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/clientmicrosite/content/Detail.aspx?ReleaseID=410936&NewsAreaID=2&ClientID=431>, News Distribution Service, COI, Crown Copyright.

Communities Secretary, the Rt Hon John Denham MP, gave a speech at the Local Government Information Unit National Conference about the decisive leadership role councils will play in building economic recovery.

Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) (4.2.10), *C'llr. 10 Conference: Speech by John Denham*, www.communities.gov.uk/speeches/corporate/cllr10conference, Crown copyright.

Local:

Nottinghamshire County Council has extended its Making the Connection (MtC) scheme which helps people find jobs in three years.

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