

## Transdev London and Unite launch Lifelong Learning programme


Transdev London, in partnership with its recognised union, Unite, launched the new Lifelong Learning programme at an event held at Stamford Brook Garage, Chiswick, on 22 April. The event was attended by Brentford and Isleworth MP, Ann Keen, Peter Kavanagh, Unite Regional Secretary, and Paul Matthews, Managing Director of London United.

The Lifelong Learning programme will provide free training courses in a range of subjects, such as IT or languages, which will be available to all of the company's 2,700 employees.

"The Lifelong Learning programme is an ideal opportunity for our employees to learn new skills in a familiar environment, and it fits perfectly with our aim to be a quality employer," said Transdev London Managing Director, Paul Matthews. "It helps us to retain employees, and provide them with enhanced skills which will also help them to better serve our customers. We are working in partnership with Unite to roll this scheme out throughout the company."

The agreement was initially developed by Transdev London's HR Director, Karen Fuller, and Union Representative, Pat D'Cruz. Stamford Brook based Kenny Mackay and Silvio Ali have been working with colleges to set up the courses and implement the programme.

The new scheme, which is being trialled at Stamford Brook, began in April with a literacy course. This will be expanded to include the three main courses that will initially be on offer: literacy, numeracy and IT. As the Lifelong Learning programme develops it will be rolled out to the company's other garages, and the number of courses on offer will increase.



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