



The many avenues of workforce training and development were defined at a special IAB business dinner, by Julie Robson, deputy regional director of Learning and Skills Council West Midlands.



The dinner, part of the IAB's programme of special events for patrons and Premier+ Partners, key stakeholders as well as representatives from the organisation's committee, was held at St Johns Hotel, Solihull, and guests included locally-based business and community leaders.

Ms Robson emphasised how the skills of employees could be developed through funded training, accessed through Train to Gain, including short accredited courses in vocational skills areas such as health and safety and customer care.



She said that Job Centre Plus provided in-depth recruitment support through Local Employment Partnerships that can offer a range of measures including pre-employment training programmes - bespoke to the needs of the business - and Work Trials - to assess an individual's suitability for a particular role.

Dr. Arun Bajaj, chairman of the IAB, said:

"Feedback for the evening from guests was most positive, particularly as it gave them a splendid opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of key training issues as well as of the work carried out by the IAB on behalf of its members."

