



**Expression of Interest for position of Co-Chair for the
Provider Engagement Locality Groups**

**Please complete and return by post or e-mail by the 14th
November 2008.**

Name – Tracy de Bernhardt Dunkin

Organisation – The West of England School & College

Service Area – Exeter

Locality Area that you wish to Co-Chair – Exeter, East & Mid

In no more than 200 words please state what you feel you can bring to the role of Co-Chair and why your colleagues should vote for you.

I have extensive experience as a provider, having worked in education since 1988, in management since 1992, at Principal level since 2002, and as CEO / Principal of a Charity in Exeter running a School and a College since 2005.

I have managed provision to Learners with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities, from dyslexia through sensory impairment to complex medical needs, including those facing great social disadvantage, in a variety of settings, ranging from school to large General Further Education colleges, community education, small charities and one large national charity.

In the past five years, I have served as an elected member on the boards of NATSPEC* and NASS** and am currently Vice Chair of NATSPEC.

I also serve on the LA Regional Provider Forum and LA Commissioning Forum

I initiated and chair our Post 16 Sub-regional Working in Partnership Group, with representatives from 29 providers including GFE, HE, work-based learning, ISCs and voluntary sector. Notable successes include :

- i. the Transition Toolkit
- ii. the Employers' Toolkit
- iii. the specialist units of the Learning Support Practitioners' Qualifications

I am a passionate about improving our services to young people, and I am a good listener and advocate, and a team player.

(*NATSPEC – National Association of Specialist independent Colleges

**NASS – National Association of Non-Maintained Special Schools)