

# Training group Learning Curve to set up 'skills bootcamps'

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Training provider Learning Curve Group (LCG) has secured Government funding to provide 'skills bootcamps' around the country.

The Durhamgate firm will play a key role in the initiative to deliver skills bootcamps in construction, digital and rail engineering as part of the Government's Lifetime Skills Guarantee and Plan for Jobs campaigns.

The bootcamps are being funded from the £2.5bn National Skills Fund, with learners being trained before next April in a bid to give them the skills they need to improve their job prospects.

Learning Curve Group CEO Brenda McLeish said: "I am delighted that Learning Curve Group are involved in such an exciting Government initiative which will open up more opportunities to support people across the country into employment.

As part of keeping learners at the centre of everything we do, LCG are working closely with employers to ensure our courses deliver the skills which are needed the most and prepare learners for work.

"I welcome the Government's commitment to tackling local

skills shortages and I am excited to see the impact that the Skills Bootcamps will have on learners' lives."

The aim of the bootcamps is to reduce skills gaps amongst unemployed people so that they can develop the knowledge and experience required to get into work.

Courses of between 12 and 16 weeks will be offered to people aged 19 or over and who are either in work or recently unemployed. The courses on offer in different parts of the country have been devised in partnership with employers, providers and local authorities to help people develop the skills that are in demand in their local area.

Learning Curve, which supports more than 200,000 learners every year, will be expanding and taking on staff to provide the bootcamps, which are due to take place in the North East, North West, Yorkshire and Humber, London, South East, South West, East Midlands and East of England.

The company, which has grown organically and through acquisition over the last five years to become one of the largest training providers in the country, is currently recruiting for tutors, trainers and managers in the digital, construction and rail engineering sectors.