

CATS Project Community of Practice Development Form

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1.0 Achievements to date

- Delivered dissemination event at AoC National Conference
- Multiple certifications confirmed – additional employer (HP) have expressed interest
- Validation on track – internal and external validation panel dates set
- Confirmed highly flexible pathways including FT, FT WBL, PT, PT WBL
- Employer endorsement of qualification confirmed
- AAT willing, in principle, to offer APEL of FD assessments against AAT level 4

2.0 Problems/Challenges of developing CATS

- Resourcing generally

3.0 Working across the FE/HE interface

- Ensuring that the course meets industry needs and meet requirements for HE award
- Challenges in finding meaningful work placements

4.0 Working with other agencies

- Professional body (AAT) continue to be highly supportive and have attended all Project Steering Group meetings and employer events (special thanks to Clare Cooper at AAT)
- eResourcing, who are a specialist recruitment agency for SAP, have worked very closely with the project and are going to provide input on documenting and endorsing demand for skills etc.

5.0 'Eureka' moments/Key learning outcomes for the project

- We strongly believe that this programme can respond to the changing market for HE, offering programmes for debt-shy 18 year old learners and work-based learners.

6.0 Emerging themes ?

- Flexibility of delivery design is something that HE providers always claim but the reality can be somewhat different. We believe that this programme will genuinely offer learners and employers flexibility whilst maintaining quality.