



Skills for Learning Professionals

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## **NEW YEAR REVOLUTION**

- Nearly three quarters of UK workers want to change careers
  - New Year triggers resolve to take the plunge

New figures released today by LLUK's Information and Advice Service reveal that nearly three quarters of working adults (71 per cent) think about changing their chosen career at least once a year.

When asked to think about the time of the year they felt like changing career most, one in ten respondents said they will use the start of 2008 to make their resolution to move on to pastures new. And almost one in six (14 per cent) said that a holiday or break from work prompted them to consider a change of direction.

Nearly half of people questioned in the survey (41 per cent) said the reason they are thinking of changing jobs is so that they can pick up a new skill. And this comes second only to a desire for more pay.

The survey revealed that people aged 25-44 years old are the most restless workers in the country as eight out of ten (82 per cent) admitted they had seriously considered changing jobs at least once a year. Almost half of people aged over 44 had also thought about a new profession.

It also appears that there are striking regional variations in the happiness stakes: people in North Scotland (55 per cent) and Yorkshire (59 per cent) have the highest level of satisfaction with their current jobs while the West Country is a hotbed of workplace discontent – nearly nine out of 10 of those surveyed (87 per cent) said they think about changing their career at least once a year.

Carolyn Dowding, at the LLUK Information and Advice Service said: “The start of a new year is a particularly good time to think carefully about jobs and future prospects.

We saw this reflected in a hefty increase in calls to the Lifelong Learning UK Information and Advice Service as last New Year dawned – the number of calls was up by 39 per cent in January 2007 compared to December 2006.

Whether there is a desire to learn how to pass on the skills learned in your existing profession to others or give something back to your local community, teaching adults is an opportunity to make an enduring contribution to building a world class skilled workforce for the UK.”

The LLUK Information and Advice Service is the free, Government-funded information and advice service dedicated to supporting all those looking to join the Further Education sector. It includes the National Reference Point for Skills for Life professional development, a dedicated information and advice service for literacy, language and numeracy (Skills for Life) practitioners.

Call the information line between 9am and 5.30pm, Mon - Fri on 020 7936 5798 or email at [advice@lluk.org](mailto:advice@lluk.org) to speak to an experienced practitioner or teacher trainer and find out more.

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### **Notes to Editors**

All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 2,058 adults. Fieldwork was undertaken between 9th - 12th November 2007. The survey was carried out online. The figures have been weighted and are representative of all GB adults (aged 18+).

- The Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK) Information and Advice Service is the information and advice service dedicated to supporting all those either currently working in or looking to join the FE sector .The free, government-funded service is staffed by experienced practitioners and teacher trainers. Call us between 9am and 5.30pm, Mon - Fri on 020 7936 5798 or email at [advice@lluk.org](mailto:advice@lluk.org).
- Lifelong Learning UK is one of 25 sector skills councils that make up the Skills for Business Network, set up by employers to raise skills levels among the workforce as a whole through better training and development. See: [www.lluk.org](http://www.lluk.org)
- The lifelong learning sector has more than a million employees across the UK working in community learning and development (including youth services and family education), further education, higher education, libraries, archives and information services and work-based learning.
- LLUK aims to encourage teachers, trainers, librarians and other staff to gain new skills and qualifications so that they offer a better service to young people, adult learners, employers and the wider community.
- LLUK also promotes lifelong learning as a career so that employers in the sector have less difficulty recruiting and retaining staff.
- In addition to developing sector-wide occupational standards and qualifications frameworks, LLUK also produces labour market intelligence so that lifelong learning employers can identify skills gaps and shortages among their own workforce.