

Introduction to CoVEs

What are CoVEs?



The Government, via the Learning and Skills Council, recognises and promotes excellence in further education and training in England by awarding CoVE status to organisations or partnerships that meet the highest standards in their vocational area. CoVE stands for Centres of Vocational Excellence. The CoVE principles are to ensure that employers and learners experience the highest quality of facilities and learning, and that developments are based on what industry wants and needs.

Courses

Partners offer accredited and bespoke training for employers in the engineering and manufacturing sectors including:

- **Apprenticeships**
- **HNC/HND's**
- **Short Courses**
- **Learn Direct (e-learning)**
- **NVQ's**
- **Foundation Degrees**
- **Work Based Assessment**

In a variety of subject areas:

- **Engineering**
- **Manufacturing Processes and Technologies**
- **Leadership and Management**
- **Health and Safety**

Areas where CoVEs demonstrate excellence

Skills priorities have been addressed in response to the needs of employers.

There has been an **expansion in level 3 vocational learning** in terms of overall volumes.

There has been **innovation and flexibility** in order to meet the needs of employers.

There have been successes in relation to **learners achievements** by demonstrating:

- **Progression to employment**
- **Up-skilling employed learners.**

There has been an increase in **collaboration** amongst providers and sharing good practice.

The investment of CoVE funding has enabled the **modernisation of equipment, facilities and staff development.**

There is a **positive change in attitude** of employers to the quality of post-16 training, and to meeting skills needs in the workplace as a result of the CoVE

The CoVE has **widened participation** in learning with a focus on:

- Non-traditional adult learners
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Disability