

Companies should leap at training opportunity

The chance to fit in some extra training on February 29th is one that few workers believe their employers will take advantage of.

The Learning and Skills Council have carried out a survey of over 1,000 adults which reveals that a third of employees think that this leap year should be used for additional training in the work place.

Despite such enthusiasm, a lack of communication between employer's and their workforce is prevalent. While 42% of staff assume their employer will turn them down flat, over half the supervisors questioned said they would happily pay for extra training.

Frances O'Grady, TUC deputy general secretary stated: "The survey shows a welcome thirst for learning, but too many employers don't recognise the value of training and refuse to give time off".

Training is a sure fire way to boost productivity and innovation in the work place. It's a great way for employers and employees alike to benefit.

A previous survey by the LSC showed that by investing time and resources to learning, employees can cause a growth in salary from £2,000 to £3,000 every year.

Glenn Robinson, Train to Gain's Director stated: 'Given that it's a leap year, why don't you propose to your employer?

Don't get left behind: this is the perfect opportunity to speak to your employer and ask for the training you need".

"Improving your skills will help you take control of your future and will have as much impact on your career as it will on your general well being".



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