A Briefing for STEP Branches

Welcome to the STEP Employer Partnership Programme!

The Employer Partnership Programme, formerly known as the Employer Training Scheme, was introduced in November 2014 as a pilot accreditation scheme.

STEP members had identified through an extensive member consultation process that they wanted the TEP designation to be seen as career essential by employers and STEP recognised the huge benefits for all parties to be gained from establishing close relationships with employers.

STEP’s view was that the programme would enable us to support the professional development of our members and build upon the credibility of the STEP brand by means of:

- providing a comprehensive and structured support programme with access to both a wide range of online resources and personal support from the Professional Development team at STEP;
- promoting industry-wide recognition of the STEP accreditation, thus helping accredited partners to demonstrate their credentials as quality employers; and
- enabling accredited partners to network and share good practice with like-minded employers.

We are delighted to announce that, having completed a successful pilot programme, the Employer Partnership Programme has now been formally launched and is open for applications.

Any employer of STEP students and members may apply to participate in this programme, subject to having the necessary learning and development provision in place to support their students and members.

The accreditation programme is currently free of charge and accreditation will last for three years, after which time it will be reviewed.

The application process is explained on the back cover of the Employer Partnership Programme brochure.

We would encourage you to browse the updated Employer pages of the STEP website: www.step.org/epp which showcases the many benefits and resources now available for employers.

Do you have any questions? Please mail the EPP team on epp@step.org

Thank you for listening.