- **National Organisations**

National Organisation:	Other information:	Website:
The Government	The Skills for Life Strategy	www.direct.gov.uk
The Department for Education and Skills (DfES)	Employer Training Pilots (ETP) Success *for All,* Common Inspection Framework (CIF), Adult literacy/numeracy/ESOL Core Curriculum and other Publications	www.dfes.gov.uk
Regional Development Agency (RDA)	Regional Skills Agenda, Sector Skills Councils	www.rdauk.org
Government Office (GO)	Neighbourhood Renewal Sure Start ESF Connexions	www.odpm.gov.uk/stellent/groups/odpm_govoffices/documents/sectionhomepage/odpm_govoffices_page.hcsp
Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA)	National Basic Skills Standards	www.qca.org.uk
Adult Basic Skills Strategy Unit (DfES)	Drives the national strategy for adult literacy, language and numeracy; funding for projects: Move On, Frontline Workers, Regional Achievement Programme (RAP); core funding for national organisations (NIACE, BSA, LSDA, NRDC, etc)	www.dfes.gov.uk
Learning Skills Development Agency (LSDA)	Success for All/links with Standards Unit	www.lsda.org.uk/
Adult Learning Inspectorate (ALI) / Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted)	Quality assurance of provision through Inspectorate Team Literacy, numeracy and English for Speakers of other languages; HMI report.	www.ali.gov.uk www.ofsted.gov.uk
National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE)	National membership organisation for adult / learning in England + Wales. Advocates for 'more, different and better adult learning.'	www.niace.org.uk
Workers Educational Association (WEA)	Regional roles in community learning + Skills for life	www.wea.org.uk
Lifelong Learning Sector Skills Council	Quality assurance for new Skills for Life staff training courses	www.fento.org/res_and_dev/ssc/ssc_developments.htm
Learning and Skills Council (LSC)	Skills for Life Quality Initiative; Leadership and Management training, facilitator network and supporting materials and Professional Development Programme	www.LSC.gov.uk

Basic Skills Agency (BSA)	'Cradle to grave' remit including family learning and Step into Learning. Financial Literacy/Education.	www.basic-skills.co.uk
Forces/Ministry of Defence (MOD)	National Army project involving Basic Skills Agency (BSA) and the Basic Skills Tutors (BSTs) and their up-skilling	www.MOD.uk
National Research and Development Centre for adult literacy and numeracy (NRDC)	Research into 'what works' both with teaching and learning	www.NDRC.org.uk
Association of Colleges (AOC)	National steer on working with colleges on the CIF and 'Managing Success', a study of the management systems and styles that promote successful teaching of literacy and numeracy to adults.	www.aoc.co.uk
Learndirect	Learndirect/UK Online staff training and SfL online learning.	www.learndirect.co.uk/
NHSU	The new corporate university for the NHS, set up to change and improve the services the NHS offers patients by giving everyone who works in health and social care opportunities to learn and develop, both personally and professionally.	www.nhsu.nhs.uk
Campaign for Learning	Works for an inclusive society in which learning is understood, valued and accessible to everyone as of right. It aims to stimulate learning that will sustain people for life. Includes Family & Community Learning and Learning at Work.	www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/
Confederation of British Industry	Since 1965, CBI has been UK business' most powerful lobbying organisation. Produced "Brushing up the Basics" in December 2002, supporting the Skills for Life Strategy.	www.cib.org.uk
National Literacy Trust	Has a national remit as a charitable trust to improve levels of literacy across the whole population	www.literayctrust.org.uk/
Prince's Trust	Supports the development of life skills of the most vulnerable young people, at the risk of exclusion	www.prince-trust.org.uk
TUC	TUC Learning Services supports the union role in workplace learning and skills. Provides training and guidance to the	www.tuc.org.uk

	growing number of Learning Reps on how to take forward the learning agenda. Currently funds projects from Learning Fund, Learning Works for All, Union Learning Representatives	
Jobcentre plus	Priorities the development of literacy and numeracy as a means to improve employability	www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/
Offenders/Youth Justice	Recognises the importance of prioritising literacy and numeracy development in providing access to sustainability in employment and participation in society; purpose of these priorities is their effectiveness in the reduction of recidivism.	www.youth-justice-board.gov.uk
Offenders Learning and Skills Unit (OLSU)	Prisons are part of the SfL Strategy for improving adult literacy and numeracy skills. The unit focuses on learning and skills for offenders in custody and in the community through the Probation services.	www.dfes.gov.uk/offenderlearning/
National Youth Agency	Young Adult Learners Partnership (YALP) research project; informal learning with young adults.	www.niace.org.uk/research/YALP
Libraries/Museums	The Museums Libraries and Archives Council) is the strategic agency for museums, libraries and archives Nationally. Provides leadership and advice to the sector, and through targeted Programmes of activity, enables the sector to make the fullest contribution to social, educational and economic well being.	www.mla.gov.uk