

# CORNWALL RETAIL

A focus on Retail 10th November 2008

Cornwall Retail Skills (CRS) is the sector body for retail in Cornwall.



## CRS Present: **A focus on Retail** hosted by **Skillsmart Retail**, the sector skills council for retail.

**Cornwall Retail Skills** are inviting brokers and training providers to attend a one day event focusing on retail. **This will be the first event of its kind in the county, and CRS are encouraging all those who are currently working with the retail sector to attend.**

Cornwall Retail Skills and Skillsmart Retail recognise the importance of the retail training provider networks across Cornwall and Devon and our responsibility to inform and work closely with you on the development and implementation of new products and services

available to the industry. The day will be made up of presentations and interactive workshops which will include:

- **Skills and qualifications update** – Sector qualifications strategy, 14 – 19 Diploma in Retail Business, Retail Apprenticeships
- **Information to inform employer engagement** – Skillsmart Retail’s employer engagement strategy
- **Best Practice** – Workshops to share and build on quality and capacity of provision

**The event will provide valuable networking opportunities and the opportunity to share best practice.** Taking place at ‘The Headland Hotel’ Newquay, registration will be at 9.30 am, for a 10.00am commencement and closing around 4.15pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

To allow us to put this valuable event on we will be asking for a contribution of £33.00 per person towards the running costs of the day. To reserve your place please complete and return the booking form.



"Retail is the largest private sector employer in the UK, employing three million people (one in nine of the workforce) and creating more new jobs over the last five years than any other sector. Its 291,000 businesses turn over £260 billion a year, highlighting the importance of the sector to both local communities and national economies. Yet despite its dominance, the sector has some serious challenges ahead to develop an appropriately skilled workforce and promote the diverse range of career options it offers"

Anne Seaman, Chief Executive Officer, Skillsmart Retail.



# Agenda The Headland Hotel - Newquay

- 9.30 Registration – Coffee and tea on arrival
- 10.00 Introduction
- 10.30 Retail in perspective
- 11.00 The National Skills Academy for Retail
- 11.30 Workshop 1 – Partnership and collaborative working
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 What's new in terms of Skills and Qualifications
- 14.00 Retail Apprenticeships – the business benefits
- 14.30 Employer Engagement
- 15.00 Workshop 2 – Employer engagement, the trials and triumphs
- 16.00 Summary & Close