

Case Study – Ashfield Post 16 centre

The Organisation

We find ourselves in a world where only those with the best possible qualifications will succeed in an increasingly competitive economic environment. It is therefore essential that all sixteen year olds progress into some form of further education or training. The new Ashfield POST 16 Centre has one of the most extensive provisions of any school in Nottinghamshire. The range of courses are designed to suit students across the whole ability range not just those who are the most academically able. The new Skills Centre provides a range of opportunities linking education to industry through the use of the three large industrial units, with firms such as the RAC and eight other vocational units.

The Challenge



One of the units, the Hospitality and Catering Academy was funded by obtaining grants through a number of local benefactors; one of them the Alliance SSP provided a substantial contribution for plant and equipment on the condition that at the end of the project a post project review was undertaken by an independent firm of consultants.

The Solution

Andante were engaged to provide a review and subsequent report covering many aspects of the project. This included financial governance, an audit of the KPI's provided by the Alliance SSP and the East Midlands Development Agency. Andante also provided an analysis of the outcomes of the project against the original business plan, an investigation into the forward plans for the future development, provide evidence from the beneficiaries of the Post 16 Centre. Andante utilised standard project management processes, investigated records, project documents, interviewed stakeholders and sponsors, delivering a report supported by hard evidence of all findings. This included a section covering the lessons learned and recommendations for managing future projects.

The Benefits

Joan Smalley Assistant Head and project leader said:-

The evaluation of our project was carried out efficiently, on time and on budget. Andante were extremely thorough and professional in their approach to the evaluation ensuring that we had complied with all requirements of the funder. The whole process from the initial scoping exercise to the production of the final report was transparent and methodical. The evidence collected showed that Andante had a complete understanding of both the school and funder's requirements.

The Andante Mission

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