



ERSA: Employment Changes Lives for the Better

What is ERSA?

ERSA (Employment Related Services Association) is a membership association representing independent private and voluntary sector providers of publicly funded employment programmes. Our membership is comprised of large, medium and small providers delivering across the UK. ERSA members work to provide first rate services to their customers, delivering government welfare to work programmes and providing support to achieve sustained employment.

What does ERSA do?

ERSA represents its members to policy makers and opinion formers who have influence in the welfare to work sector. We campaign for welfare reform to help more people find sustainable employment. We aim to be a thought leader in the sector and have established ourselves as the primary representative body for employment service providers.

Membership Benefits:

- Weekly report – all the latest parliamentary, national policy and event information
- Daily press cuttings
- Regular member meetings with guest speakers
- Access to the exclusive members area of the ERSA website
- Input into ERSA policy
- ERSA has a proactive membership and members are encouraged to contribute to policy thinking through sub-group activity – much of which is carried out through e-mail exchange to facilitate contributions from all our members
- Collective industry representation

For more information and a membership application form:

- Visit www.ersa.org.uk or contact Gila Tabrizi on gila@ersa.org.uk 020 7367 4538



In the last year ERSA has...

- Grown to 33 members
- Remained uniquely placed to represent private and voluntary sector employment service providers
- Lobbied across government for effective welfare-to-work reforms which benefit the customer
- Established a Code of Business Conduct for all members designed to promote high standards of professional skill, ability and integrity
- Become a standing member of the DWP Provision Forum
- Developed policy papers on improving employment outcomes, the Cities Strategy and the Freud Report and disseminated and discussed them at a senior Government level
- Had regular meetings with Ministers, senior officials and interested parties such as David Freud
- Heard from a variety of guest speakers at members' meetings including Jim Murphy MP, Minister for Employment and Welfare Reform and Cay Stratton, Director of National Employment Panel
- Successfully argued for TUPE information to be collected by Jobcentre Plus
- Engaged with DWP/JCP to discuss obtaining consistent central rulings from HMRC on VAT
- Given oral and written evidence to the Work and Pensions Select Committee
- Held a conference 'Delivering Welfare Reform: From policy to practice' attracting speakers from national and local Government and the Opposition
- Organised workshops on helping the furthest from work and the Freud Report