



South East Mentoring – mentor’s network meeting 19th September 2009

Thank you to the mentors that attended the first mentor’s network meeting this month. We had some excellent feedback from the delegates and had some good discussion about relevant issues and challenges that mentors face.

Katrina Easterling from the University of Winchester gave the opening/keynote talk on ‘Mentoring: The Reciprocal Learning Relationship’.
Katrina also recommended two useful books on mentoring, one by David Clutterbuck (<http://tiny.cc/yEGFT>) and one by Eric Parsloe (<http://tiny.cc/W2zGI>).
Also mentioned were useful e-newsletters – the one from Angus McLeod (<http://tiny.cc/24vQH>) and the weekly coaching tip from Michael Neill (<http://www.geniuscatalyst.com/>)



Angela Tanner from Crawley Borough Council provided an interesting insight into her own experiences as a mentor as did Alison Davidson from Winchester City Council.

We ran two workshops which looked at the key challenges of being a mentor, and skills development/support needed from SEE.
These were helpful for the mentors and also for us at SEE as we can now develop the mentoring programme around your needs as mentors.
I have attached as separate documents a summary of those.



We will keep you updated about the next meeting. It was clear from your feedback that you’d also appreciate networking or meeting on a sub-regional basis.

Thank you to the delegates and to those that spoke at the event, we really appreciated it.