

Wendy Mizon (Provider 1)

Brief Biography

Wendy has a background in HR and before taking semi-retirement she was working for Gateshead Council. Wendy now works as a consultant and has carried out PDP's for elected members at a number of local authorities in the North e.g. Gateshead, Darlington, Stockton and Hartlepool.

Her rates are £350 per day and aims to carry out 4 PDP's in a day (this works out at £87.50 per PDP).

Mike Leitch (Provider 2)

Brief Biography

Mike took early retirement from Local Government Yorkshire and Humber where he was Head of Service (Learning & Consultancy) since the organisation was formed in 2006. He was regional lead officer for member development. Prior to that he was Assistant Director (Learning & Development) at the Local Government Management Board for Yorkshire & Humberside. A post he held for 18 years. Mike has also held senior training and development posts in Kirkless MC and Bradford MDC.

Trading under the name MCL Associates, Mike is keen to ensure that his work/life balance is weighted towards life rather than work and therefore has decided to limit his working activities to ad-hoc projects associated with member development, including support and assessment relating to the Charter, PDP interviews etc. He is fully insured (Professional Liability Insurance).

With LGYH, Mike also co-ordinated various networks including the Regional Member Development Officers Group, the Regional Scrutiny Managers Network and the Regional Scrutiny Chairs Network.

He holds a BA in Politics and European Management and is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.

Mike has been involved with the Charter for Member Development since its inception and represented the Yorkshire and Humber region on the national Charter steering and development group co-ordinated by the IDeA.

He has led the assessment team on 13 Charter assessments (all successful) during the past three years, and provided support and guidance to the majority of local authorities in the region, as they have worked towards Charter status. He is currently working (on behalf of LGYH) with a number of district councils (as they work toward Charter standard), and a number of metropolitan/unitary authorities (considering options for re-assessment)

More recently Mike has worked as interim Regional Member Development Adviser for the West Midlands LGA where he has been involved with,

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Birmingham CC, Warwickshire CC, Wychavon DC and Stratford on Avon DC.
He also led the charter assessment team for Coventry CC.

Negotiated rate for CYC is £175 per day