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Rhema Group and the Learning Lab challenge the Education Sector to invest in Emotional Intelligence

'The Changing Faces of Learning' Conference organised by The Learning Lab in February proved to be an invaluable opportunity for those from the Education Sector to gain fresh insights into the challenges which lie ahead in the fast-changing Education Sector.

The keynote presentation from Professor Steve Molyneux, Director of the Learning Lab, entitled 'Supporting the 21st Century Learner' laid the foundation for the one-day conference. Steve reinforced the message that to successfully face rigorous higher education course work, career challenges and a globally competitive workforce, schools must align classroom environments with real world environments by infusing 21st century skills and technologies.

In his address Rhema Group MD, Jeremy Francis, was able to build on this opening address by stressing the need for those in education, at all levels, to embrace EQ (Emotional Intelligence) and not just IQ in addressing the challenges they face. He commented – "The Government's Building Schools for the Future initiative is a good example of a major, transformational change taking place in the education sector for which teachers and lecturers, on their own admission, feel ill-equipped. Unless they embrace the 'softer' skills of leadership, change management and partnership working the likelihood is that the full potential of Government sponsored changes will not be felt. These areas of emotional intelligence are really no longer optional but a must for the 21st century teacher to acquire."

Rhema Group will be offering one-day workshops, hosted by the Learning Lab at Telford, on Leading and Managing Change on the 27th March and 24th April. Details from Liz Fleetham at the Learning Lab (liz@learninglab.org.uk)

Notes to Editors

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