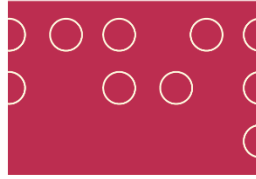


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The British Institute for Learning & Development announces two new International Qualifications for L&D practitioners worldwide

The British Institute for Learning & Development (the BILD) has today announced the **BILD International Certificate in Training** and the **BILD International Diploma in Learning & Development**.

Both Qualifications are achieved through online, tutor-supported, self-study programmes whose content is closely aligned with the **BILD's International Standards for Learning & Development**. The Qualifications' modular courses are to be delivered by the Institute's partner organisation, The Training Foundation and Qualification holders will qualify for professional membership of the Institute.

Announcing this ground-breaking initiative, Chair of the BILD David Apparicio commented:

"The BILD has long held the aspiration to see learning & development recognised as a profession and practitioners viewed as genuine professionals. Here in the UK, that has been largely achieved through our partnership with The Training Foundation's *Training Accreditation Programme (TAP)*, which has been uniquely recognised by two Queen's Awards for Enterprise: Innovation.

Having seen the benefits of this skills programme in the UK, the BILD felt a responsibility to make it as accessible as possible to the worldwide community of training practitioners. This has led to today's announcement of BILD's two International Qualifications. As an International Standards-setting body, we have been concerned to ensure that both Qualifications deliver skills that are aligned to the BILD's best-practice standards for Learning & Development. I am confident that they do, and would recommend trainers and training managers in any international location to benefit by enrolling on these unique programmes."

For information about the BILD and the International Qualifications, visit www.thebild.org

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About the British Institute for Learning & Development

The British Institute for Learning & Development, the BILD, is an international professional body representing learning and development professionals.

The Institute was founded in 1990 as the Open Learning Association, later became the British Association for Open Learning, and in 2007 become the British Institute for Learning and Development. It is a registered Charity.

In 2014 the BILD launched its Motto of “Be Excellent; Be Recognised”.

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