

Dear LAS Members

If you have experience in developing courses for para-professional librarians or librarians, or in conducting training courses, you may be interested in this development. We are currently in the midst of working with the Work Development Authority (WDA) to develop courses for para-professionals.

You may recall that last year the LAS had developed five competency standards for para-professionals at the most basic level and these were approved by the WDA Council last August. This means that we can use these standards to develop them into courses, and to run the courses to train our para-professionals. Standards at the next level of para-professional work are also in the process of being developed.

To enjoy the temporary subsidies from WDA for early adopter course development and for the delivery of the subsequent training courses, we have to meet with WDA's quality standards. All course developers and trainers have to complete formal training at WDA's approved training centres to learn about these standards, and to learn to carry out assessments on the learning outcomes of course participants.

Please drop an email to Ms Joyce Wee at [joyce\\_wee@nlb.gov.sg](mailto:joyce_wee@nlb.gov.sg) or Isabella Tranhn at [isabellatrahnh@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:isabellatrahnh@ntu.edu.sg) if you are interested in developing and/or delivering nationally recognized training for support staff, if possible by 16 Jun.

*Best regards*

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