

## **Skills for Life**

We've been active in providing Lifelong Learning opportunities for our colleagues, with particular focus on bringing Skills for Life to our Boots UK retail supply chain teams.

We opened our first lifelong learning centre back in 2003, and subsequently a further 17 learning centres have been established throughout our Boots UK retail supply chain operations. We've been able to provide opportunities to 'upskill' thousands of our colleagues and support them in increasing literacy and numeracy skills, as well as providing ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) qualifications.

We have partnered with government agencies, our trade union partners and many local colleges/training providers to provide the very best opportunities for our teams. As a result, over 2,000 Skills for Life certificates have been achieved. In addition, many hundreds of our colleagues have progressed to study vocational qualifications and, in some cases, gone on to complete studies at university.

We're proud of the achievements of our colleagues and will continue our focus on Skills for Life with the opening of a brand new learning centre at our Nottingham Support Office site in early 2010.