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homes in the
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Staff Excel at Westward Housing Group

Westward Housing Group has achieved further success in being recognised as an approved development provider for The Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM), hot on the heels of Westward's Jo Willis winning Business Administration Apprentice of the Year.

The ILM helps companies to develop leaders and managers and the Westward Management Development programme is aimed at managers and supervisors and takes place over 12 months. Topics include managing self, building and managing an effective team, communication and managing change.

The Group also gained Investors in People status across every member organisation recently and founder member, Westcountry Housing, has held it for 10 years.

Westward won't be resting on its laurels though, the Group also has some big initiatives happening in Learning and Development: e-learning pilots are taking place and a new project on leadership succession planning has begun.

Westward staff are piloting e-learning (learning via electronic means) and benefits include going at the staff individual's own pace, at a time that suits and at their desk.

A leadership succession programme is in the early stages and Westward is looking to develop a programme for senior managers and heads of service to enable them to become even better leaders and provide them with the skills and knowledge to be considered for future key roles in the Group.

Westward Housing Group is a leading provider of social housing in the south west (including Tarka Housing and Westcountry Housing), responsible for nearly 7,000 properties and the delivery of the HomeBuy agency services via South West Homes.

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