

A charter for success for budding managers

TWELVE Government workers can boast more skills thanks to the training they got from a Harlepool firm.

Town-based training provider Amacus led a group of 12 aspiring managers from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in Newcastle to complete the Chartered Management Institute Diploma (Level 5).

They are the first to complete the qualification as part of a union-led training initiative which was launched last year and is a partnership between unionlearn (the TUC's learning and skills or-

ganisation), the Public and Commercial Services Union, the Department of Work and Pensions and training specialist Amacus.

Amacus specialises in leadership and management development and trained the managers in areas such as leadership, decision making, recruitment and selection, project management, self-development and communication.

Amacus managing director Christine Murray said: "We're delighted the training has been such a success. It's a triumph for partnership working, com-

mitment and the contribution of those taking part.

"They've really embraced the training and enhanced their skills, which will be great for them and their employer in future. We anticipate the next stage of the course being equally successful."

The learners were presented with their awards by Derek Wood, London Pension Centre manager, and Christine Murray and Sarah Bullock from Amacus.

They will now move on to the second stage of the course

which is the Foundation Degree managed by Amacus and delivered by its project partner Gateshead College.

Kevin Rowan, unionlearn regional manager, said: "This has been a hugely successful project and underlines the impact work-based learning can have. It helps to boost skills, improve confidence and also improve productivity so is a real win-win for everyone involved."



DIPLOMAS: Christine Murray (second left) and Sarah Bullock (centre) of Amacus with Derek Woods (far right) and workers from the Department for Work and Pensions