

MORE TRAINING Limited are a private training provider based in Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, England.

We have been involved in print training since 1983 and have a commitment to ensuring quality training to support the needs of the industry and the learning needs of young people.

MORE TRAINING offer apprenticeships and training in Desktop Publishing, Pre Press, Lithographic Flexographic and Screen Printing, Print Finishing. We also offer two full-time print courses – BTEC First Diploma and BTEC National Diploma.

Through our work with a variety of employers, we have put together a range of qualifications and learning routes that are exciting and rewarding. All of these lead to the development of essential skills.

To support these aims, the Print Learning Centre was opened in February 2002 and has recently undergone an extensive upgrade following recognition as a Centre of Vocational Excellence in Print Production.

Part of that upgrade involved the purchase of a 'Sinapse' Press Simulator for Litho sheet fed work. This has proved to be a very useful purchase, it is a very popular training tool young people entering the industry, but also for experienced printers who require extra training.

We use the Simulator to teach basic litho techniques and introduce young printers to press and print faults. They can then move on with more confidence and knowledge to the printing presses in both our workshop and in their own companies.

As the learners become more experienced they enjoy the challenge of being set press problems to solve. They are involved in setting problems for other members of their group. The real challenges provided in this 'problem solving' setting leads to the development of a sense of competitiveness.

Experienced printers also find the Simulator training useful. These are printers who are currently working on small single colour presses and want to develop skills in multi-colour press operation. Exercises are set on operating procedures, press problems and print faults which complement our work on the presses.

All of the companies working with us have been very impressed with the Simulator when they have visited MORE TRAINING for Open days. They have expressed interest in booking time on the Simulator for their own staff training.

We have recruited apprentices from Flexographic printers during the last twelve months. This seems to be a growth area in Staffordshire and Shropshire. If more funding was made available we would be interested in obtaining a Flexographic press simulator to complement the existing software. This would help us to provide improved training in another printing method.

Brian Holmes



Students working on the Simulator at MORE TRAINING