



Ten Conferences Employee Training Managers Should Consider Attending

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We can all appreciate a bit of relaxation and quiet in July and August. Yet with summer quickly passing by, and September only a few weeks away, a sense of normalcy will return. Our children will be beginning a new school year. Our favorite TV shows will return to air new episodes. And the holiday sales season isn't far around the corner.

Ironically, just as the weather begins to cool, the fall conference season begins to heat up. As many of us return from vacation, and with thoughts of closing out the year with strong momentum, September gives us a wakeup call. Conferences play a big part in that, as they provide an opportunity to learn, network, be introduced to companies and products previously unfamiliar to us, and create a unique "let's all get together" setting. Even in an age of internet connectivity, face-to-face events are truly appreciated by industry professionals.

Which events should you attend though? Well, each business will likely have to examine which one best suits them and their objectives (as well as their budgets). It is good to keep informed with the options available though. With that in mind, please find below 10 leading conferences this fall and even a couple of events leading into early 2014.

1. **Performance Support Symposium 2013** – September 9-10, 2013 – Boston, Massachusetts (United States) – Co-organized by the eLearning Guild and Learning Solutions Magazine, this event focuses on performance support technology and strategies.
<http://www.learningsolutionsmag.com/pss/content/2792/performance-support-2013---home/> Twitter: @Learningsolmag
2. **Learning Live** – September 11-12, 2013 – London, England – An event organized by the Learning and Performance Institute, targeting all corporate and commercial trainers, training managers, L&D managers and HR managers. With over 20 focus sessions and seminars, split across five streams, including collaborative workplace learning, performance improvement, and more.
<http://thelpiservices.com/conference/> Twitter: @YourLPI

3. **Online Learning Conference 2013** – September 17-19, 2013 – Chicago, Illinois (United States) - Produced by Training Magazine, the conferences focuses include eLearning, mobile learning, social learning, virtual classrooms, gamification, and more. - <http://www.onlinelearningconference.com/index.cfm> Twitter: @TrainingMagUS
4. **Fall 2013 CLO Symposium** - September 30 – October 2, 2013 – Palm Springs, California (United States) – Chief Learning Officer Magazine event that provides fantastic networking opportunities and dynamic speakers. Huge event. <http://clomedia.com/events/view/fall-2013-clo-symposium> - Twitter: @CLOMedia
5. **Performance Management Conference and Workshop** – October 17-17, 2013 – London, England – A smaller event, but one which is more focused and provides for an intimate environment. Discover how to evaluate performance management strategies, keep employees engaged, explore the impact of absence on performance, team performance and more. - <http://www.cipd.co.uk/cande/performance-management> –Twitter: @CIPD_Events
6. **DevLearn 2013** – October 23-25, 2013 – Las Vegas, Nevada (United States) – One of the largest conferences of the year, the eLearning Guild organized event features leading speakers and a comprehensive program that includes the tools, technologies, ideas, strategies, and best practices to ensure your success whether you are new to eLearning or a well-seasoned expert. - <http://www.elearningguild.com/DevLearn/content/2825/devlearn-2013-conference-and-expo---home/> - Twitter: @DevLearn
7. **Learning 2013** – November 3-6, 2013 – Orlando, Florida (United States) – Big event, featuring leading speakers. Co-organized by ASTD & the Masie Learning Consortium. - <http://www.learning2013.com/> - Twitter @Learn2013
8. **CIPD Annual Conference and Exhibition** – November 6-7, 2013 – Manchester, England – The conference is a bit more HR general, but with focuses including change management, organizational development, talent development and leadership, performance management, employee engagement, and more. <http://www.cipd.co.uk/cande/annual/conference> Twitter: @CIPD_Events

9. **Corporate Learning Week** – November 12-15, 2013 - Orlando, Florida (United States) – An event bringing together a multi-disciplinary audience including corporate executives, university heads and government officials. Includes keynote speakers like the CLO's of FedEx, American Express and Deloitte, among others, as well as Allison Rossett, one of the most well-respected academic experts on learning technology.- <http://www.clnweek.com/> Twitter: @CorpLearnNet

10. **Online Educa** – December 4-6, 2013 – Berlin, Germany – Annual conference on technology-supported learning and training. Features over 400 speakers from 40 countries, and about 2,000 high-level decision makers from all sectors of the education and training industries. <http://www.online-educa.com/> - Twitter: @OEBconference

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11. **ASTD TechKnowledge 2014** – January 22-24, 2014 – Las Vegas, Nevada (United States) - <http://www.tkconference.org/>

12. **Learning Technologies 2014** – London, England - <http://www.learningtechnologies.co.uk/>