

However, in 2005 the BBC began using a centralised SAP financial system to record such things as costs associated with training. We were able to search the system using the key words 'Common Purpose', and found that between 2001 and 2007, there are records of three BBC Radio Lancashire staff having attended the training. These staff are Ben Thompson (Assistant Editor), John Clayton (Editor, Local Radio) and Alison Brown (Senior Broadcast Journalist).

From the information we can retrieve from our SAP system, we can confirm that the amount spent on Common Purpose training over 2001 to 2005 was £30,105. Since 2005, the BBC spent £24,646 on Common Purpose training in the fiscal year 2006-2007 and £18,255.50 in the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Appeal Rights

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