

Operational Plan 2008/9

Theme	Aim
Employer Engagement	To improve the capability and capacity of institutions across West Yorkshire to effectively engage with employers, their employees and intermediaries by developing & implementing systems, resources and products to encourage and support employees into and through HE
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a range of Progression Agreements to offer clarity and certainty of the opportunities for work based learners to progress into HE 2. Make curriculum more accessible for Work Based Learners 3. Develop a range of cross institutional activities promoting the HE offer to employers, employees and intermediaries 4. Create a greater level of awareness within West Yorkshire Institutions of the opportunities and benefits of effectively engaging with employers 5. Support institutions to further develop their employer engagement strategies targeting the WYLLN Sectors 6. Support the facilitation of an effective cross institutional response mechanism to managing employer enquiries and provide the information and support required to meet their needs 7. Create employer focused resources to support the accessibility and understanding of the HE offer and benefits to the business

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14-19 Curriculum Reforms	To improve the network wide understanding of 14-19 curriculum reforms and progression and the currency of the resulting qualifications in accessing HE
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate level of understanding and awareness of the 14-19 vocational curriculum reforms and the implications for progression into HE 2. Identify key barriers within HE Providers to prohibiting progression from Level 3 Qualifications emerging from the 14-19 curriculum reforms 3. Create a greater level of awareness, understanding and acceptance of new Level 3 curriculum within receiving HE Providers throughout West Yorkshire. 4. Develop a range of progression agreements to offer clarity and certainty of the opportunities for progression from 14-19 Level 3 qualifications 5. Ensure that the views and activities of all local stakeholders inform the HE response to the 14-19 curriculum reform

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Partner Collaboration	In collaboration share and utilise information, knowledge & research to improve the HE experience and offer for work based and vocational learners within West Yorkshire in order to improve entry into and progression through HE
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create and maintain a centralised information point to support the objectives and activities of the WYLLN 2. Develop and maintain data and information systems which enable effective monitoring and reporting of delivery against the WYLLN Business and operational plans and HEFCE contract 3. Identify key areas of weakness in the information available and support offered to encourage non-traditional learners into and through HE within West Yorkshire 4. Utilise knowledge and understanding within the WYLLN partner institutions to build an effective support package to assist non-traditional learners into and through HE 5. Support the development of a standardised, quality assured, menu of services a non-traditional learner can tap into for information and support on progressing into and through HE 6. To implement and evaluate the Progression Agreement Framework 7. To embed the sector group curriculum development outcomes achieved in Year 1 and during Year 2 8. To examine how existing local credit, credit frameworks and APEL practices support progression into and through HE and explore the potential further development of practice on a sub-regional basis