



West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network (WYLLN) Quarterly Newsletter

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Director's Comments

Welcome to the first Newsletter of West Yorkshire's Lifelong Learning Network. I'm afraid it's very simple, but we felt it more important to get news out to all partners than to create a glossy publication.

We are still a very small team, but by November I expect the central team to be in post. Our priority is to engage all our partners in how they can contribute to getting people in the workplace and on vocational programmes into Higher Education. For me, the opportunities the WYLLN can give to the learners of West Yorkshire are very great and that is so exciting. I have committed over 30 years of my life to education for the over-16s in West Yorkshire and to think that all of us – universities, colleges of higher education and colleges of further education – are willing to work together with a focus on the 'West Yorkshire Learner' is the most exciting thing I've experienced. I know to deliver what we have committed ourselves to will not be easy, but if we all move forward together keeping the Learner at the heart of what we do, we will succeed.

I am privileged to report to a Management Board with so much commitment to the Learner and the aims of our Network. We have a Business Plan that all of our partners have endorsed, but we recognise there are many more debates we need to engage in, if we are to turn that plan into reality. At the last Board meeting, we

agreed to bring together partners through the Strategic Advisory Forum, to consider how we will best achieve the aims, objectives and targets set out in the Plan. This important meeting will be held in September and I hope you will be able to attend and contribute to that debate.

We aim to publish our Newsletter every quarter as an e-zine. The Newsletter will provide an update on the different aspects of the Network such as the sector groups, progression activities, IAG activities, membership, and training and development opportunities for example.

We hope you find the Newsletter to be both informative and interesting. Our aim is for it to reflect the diversity of the Network, both in terms of its breadth of work and membership. We welcome contributions, so if you have an article or an idea for an article we'd like to hear from you.

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WYLLN's Aim and Focus

As outlined above, WYLLN's aim is to strengthen the performance of West Yorkshire businesses and the wider regional economy through improved vocational and work-based progression of young people and adults into higher education.

Its strategic objectives are to:

- Improve progression opportunities into higher education through vocational and work-based routes.
- Enhance the supply and relevance of higher education provision for employers and individuals through improved institutional processes and procedures.
- Stimulate demand from employers and individuals for higher level education and skills.
- Improve the coherence and accessibility of higher education through information, advice and guidance for employers and vocational learners.
- Build sustainable partnerships between Further and Higher Education, work - based learning providers and employers.
- Train and develop staff in support of the above objectives.

To enable the delivery of these objectives the following structure will be implemented:

Management Board

The Network's Management Board was formed in February and meets on a quarterly basis.

Its membership comprises of representatives from further education, higher education, the guidance sector and strategic partners:

- Cath Orange**, Dean of Innovation, Leeds Metropolitan University
- Cristina George**, Partnership Director (Leeds), Learning and Skills Council
- David Fell**, Deputy Principal, Park Lane College
- Edmund Wigan**, Principal, Leeds College of Art and Design
- Geoff Layer**, Pro – Vice Chancellor, University of Bradford
- Ian Billyard**, Principal, Leeds College of Building
- Jayne Rawlins**, Regional Association for Career Guidance Companies in Yorkshire and the Humber
- Kaye Fisher**, Deputy Principal, Wakefield College
- Mark Shields**, Assistant Principal, Trinity and All Saints College
- Alison Wilson**, Learning and Skills Manager, Directorate of Economic Inclusion, Yorkshire Forward
- Professor Sue Frost**, Pro – Vice Chancellor, University of Huddersfield
- Professor Vivien Jones**, Pro – Vice Chancellor, University of Leeds
- Wendy Pawson**, Principal, Dewsbury College
- Stephen Challenger**, Director, West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network



Please note, the sector leads/officer, Progression leads/officers and IAG officers are based within partner organisations

The Partners within the WYLLN

The current partners within the Network includes learning providers from the further, higher and work-based learning sectors, employer bodies, professional bodies, career guidance sector, sector skill councils, and strategic bodies relating to education, skills and/or employment:

Further and Higher Education:

Bradford College
Calderdale College
Dewsbury College
Greenhead 6th Form College
Huddersfield New College
Huddersfield Technical College
Joseph Priestley College
Keighley College
Leeds College of Art and Design
Leeds College of Building
Leeds College of Music
Leeds College of Technology
Leeds Metropolitan University
New College Pontefract
Northern School of Contemporary Dance
Notre Dame 6th Form College
Park Lane College
Shipley College
The Open University
Thomas Danby College
Trinity and All Saints Higher Education College
University of Bradford
University of Huddersfield
University of Leeds
Wakefield College

Other partners:

West Yorkshire Learning and Skills Council
Yorkshire Forward
Aimhigher
Foundation for Success
CoVEs
STEM
West Yorkshire Learning Provider Network (WYLP)
Train to Gain Brokers
Sector Skills Councils
nextstep
Connexions West Yorkshire
Regional TUC for Yorkshire and the Humber Institute of Directors Yorkshire Region
CBI Yorkshire Region
Leeds Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Bradford Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mid Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Sector Skills Councils
Sector Skills Development Agency
Regional Skills Partnership
West Yorkshire Enterprise Partnership
Business Link West Yorkshire
Leeds Initiative
Leeds Financial Services Initiative
West Yorkshire Learning Consortium
West Yorkshire IAG Partnership
Learning Partnerships for Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield
Academy for Sustainable Development
Heritage Lottery Fund
Arts & Business

If you would like further details about membership of the Network please contact WYLLN@hud.ac.uk

The Central Team

The Central Team is based at the University of Huddersfield, Floor 6, Central Services Building, Queensgate, Huddersfield, HD1 3DH.
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The team currently consists of the following people:

Stephen Challenger

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Steve was appointed as Director of WYLLN in May. Steve may be a familiar face to many of you as he has worked within West Yorkshire for a number of years. Prior to joining WYLLN Steve was working with the Learning and Skills Council on 14 – 19 strategy, and before that he was Assistant Principal with Leeds College of Technology.

Joanne Beaumont

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Joanne was appointed as Sector Skills and Progression Manager in July. For the last six years Joanne has worked as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Huddersfield. Prior to that, Joanne worked in quality assurance management and learning development management roles in a range of learning and guidance

organisations in London, the Midlands, and West Yorkshire.

Joanne Lambert

Joanne will be joining the team in the post of IAG Manager from the 6th August. Prior to her appointment Joanne has been working as the National Resource Service Manager with the Ufi/Learndirect. Before that, Joanne has worked in development and supporting advisory roles with IAG providers across West Yorkshire.

Suki Midda

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Suki is providing temporary administration support to the team over the summer period. Suki will return to her studies as a 3rd year student, BSc Criminology.

Over the next two months four other posts will be recruited to the central team:

Administrator

Communications Secretary

Finance Administrator

Communications and Marketing Manager

For further details of these posts please see the Jobs section of the University of Huddersfield's website.

We aim to have the central team fully operational by November.

Priority sectors for the WYLLN

The WYLLN has identified seven sectors as being important to the future economic and social well-being of West Yorkshire:

- Construction and the Built Environment.
- Digital Industries including Creative Digital, ICT and Print.
- Financial and Business Services including Logistics and Retail.
- Culture, Media, Sports and the Arts; Leisure, Hospitality and Tourism.
- Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing including Food Manufacturing and related Industrial Chemistry
- Health, Social Care and Early Years.
- Management and Leadership (as a discipline and a cross cutting theme)

The sectors chosen are wide ranging and reflect the Regional Development Agency's and Learning and Skills Council's priorities and the success achieved in West Yorkshire through its

diverse economy and population. The sectors have also been chosen following discussions with partners, through extensive research, and a number of consultation forums organised specifically to look at priorities.

Over the summer period we will be writing to partners as part of our actions towards establishing the membership of each of the seven sector groups. In the meantime, if you would like more information about the sector groups please contact Joanne Beaumont, j.e.beaumont@hud.ac.uk

Additional Student Numbers (ASNs) – allocations linked to the Priority Sectors

HEFCE have allocated the WYLLN 100 additional student numbers for the next academic year. We received requests for 105, which have been allocated accordingly:

Institution	Numbers allocated (FTEs)
Park Lane College	20
Leeds College of Art and Design	20
Wakefield College	10
Bradford College	45
Leeds College of Building	10

All colleges received the numbers they requested. All additional numbers are funded through the University of Huddersfield (Model 2). This gives the Network a great deal of flexibility to address any under-recruitment there may be.

We hope you have found this first edition of our Newsletter informative. Look out for our e-zine version in October!

