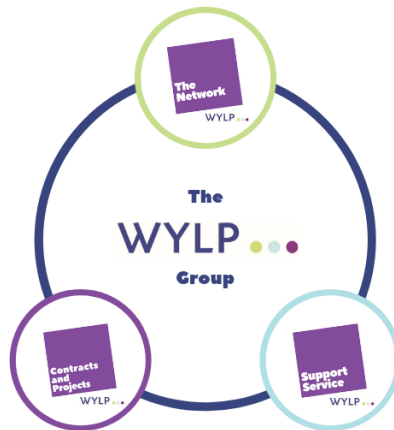


WEST YORKSHIRE Regional Round Up



As you can appreciate the regional round ups with the local authority were on hold for a short while due to the impact of Covid resulting in many being drafted to other departments to support the districts. We are now starting to see these resuming and as such are able to provide some updates now as to the activities taking place across the region.

Local Enterprise Partnership

The Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has recently launched a new campaign to help promote the Levy Transfer Service.

This campaign will target three audiences:

- Levy Businesses based in Leeds City Region - to encourage a transfer up to 25% of their annual levy contribution to help fund apprenticeships in other organisations.
- Non-Levy Businesses based in Leeds City Region – businesses that are thinking of offering apprentices.
- Training providers (does not have to be based in Leeds City Region. However, the receiving business must be located within the Leeds City Region) - seeking apprenticeship funding on behalf of businesses in the Leeds City Region.

The campaign will run until January and has social media adverts running, targeting the key audiences as stated. We will share these with you so you can include on your own social media platforms.

Bradford

The Bradford ICE meetings are set to resume in October and a full briefing will be provided. Khalil Ayub has been appointed as Learning Partnership Manager and will be leading the operational meetings moving forward to look at how we can work collaboratively to support young people across the district. Hot off the press!! Bradford Careers and Technical Education Partnership are set to launch a careers and technical education partnership platform (CRM)

This new, secure, web-based system will provide a single point of contact for all employers, educators and students to share and access resources and information about local industry based careers provision across the Bradford District. This will allow providers to advertise and promote events for residents to access. Phase one goes live week beginning 5th October (Tech week).

Bradford Council have partnered with the Bradford District Credit Union and are offering support 'Covid Loan & Save'. This is for workers who are on furlough, part of the 'Self-Employment Income Support Scheme' or have lost their job due to the pandemic can apply for a £500 payment that is part grant of £50 and part loan of £450 that is interest free. To find out more click the link below:
<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/browse-all-news/press-releases/covid-loan-and-save-account/>

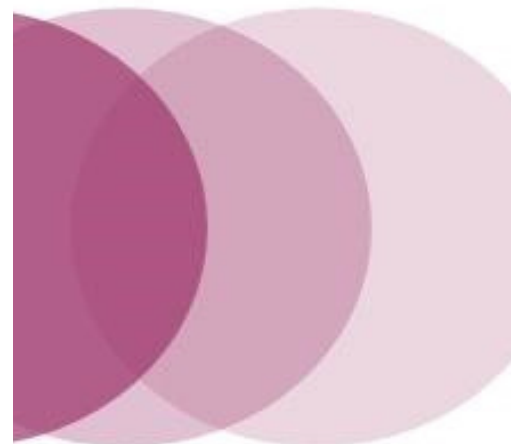
Wakefield

The Step Up programme was initially piloted in the Kellingley area but has been so successful that this has now been rolled out across the full Wakefield district to enable greater access for all residents to access their full range of support and funding to reskill and enter the workplace sourcing and identifying local job opportunities for participants. Local is the key term and the teams are working in the very hearts of the communities to establish local skills needs and opportunities. If you have any opportunities running in the Wakefield area they would very much like to hear from you to ensure residents are able to access the much needed skills to retrain or secure employment. Head to the website to find out more:
<http://www.stepupwakefield.com/>

Leeds

Leeds City Council have kindly sent through information relating to the new NHS Covid19 App which is being used to track outbreaks. We have a guide which contains all the details and how this will work in the fight against the virus. This will be circulated to members with the newsletter complete with a guide to creating a QR Code poster for your establishment.

They would also invite you to follow Leeds City Council Employment and Skills Team via our new LinkedIn page - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/53392414/admin/> They will be developing this site over the next months to increase the number of followers and to ensure regular posts for vacancies and business updates in Leeds which could be invaluable for getting your learners into employment. Make sure to give the a follow!



Kirklees

Kirklees have established the Kickstart and Traineeship group and Apprenticeships, T-Levels and Study Programme groups which have now had their first meetings to establish partners and next steps. The groups will focus on challenges and gaps in provision as well as the potential support which can be provided to ensure the right levels of support and transparency of this for all individuals, businesses and FE and Skills providers in the area. This will look at additional support for apprentices, challenges of recruitment and issues businesses face with recruiting and retaining apprentices. The key areas of focus identified at the first session was the support for the existing apprentices as a key area for concern and how businesses and apprentices could be supported. Construction was an area which has been seen to remain stable for apprenticeship starts with the impact being retail and hospitality as well as healthcare though mainly for access as the staff are needed on shift. Calls for addressing the clarity needed for employers to know exactly what to access and how as many small employers are unsure of what is available and how to access incentives as well as being mindful that they are in a state of recovery and for some will need much support to recover from the impact of Covid on their business and rather than taking on new apprentices supporting them with the ones they already have. Vacancies in the area have seen a decline with the vacancies coming through being made up of business admin and digital in the main. Kickstart intermediaries are being established as for many they wouldn't have enough vacancies to run in house. This is proving popular across the region and many small businesses are expressing an interest in the programme.

The Kirklees Suicide Prevention action group have shared the below Great Minds Project for vulnerable men. Please see information below and the link to register should you be working with any vulnerable men which you feel would benefit from the programme:

Great Minds project launch of men's mental fitness sessions, working with State of Mind Sport

Our Great Minds project for men who are vulnerable to suicide across our communities, working with colleagues from the world of professional rugby. This is a series of mental fitness sessions for men across West Yorkshire starting with sessions for men in Wakefield and also Harrogate from Monday next week.

Other courses will then start in Kirklees, Calderdale, Leeds and Bradford in the coming weeks. The course runs for 8 weeks but men can join at any time and it's all online due to COVID. These sessions are presented by men from the world of professional rugby league who speak about their own challenges with mental health in a really down to earth manner. They're called State of Mind Sport and are really great! The sessions will run with our two Great Minds staff, Nicola and Paula who will share information about local support options in each area as part of the sessions. Sessions run to date by State of Mind in the North West have been really well evaluated and it's great to be able to extend this to the men of WY&H. If you had any questions or wanted to sign up to take part yourself, or for someone you knew you can email to book on swy-tr.greatminds@nhs.net

The Kirklees promotional video is here: Great Minds Kirklees and the start date is scheduled for 14th October.

Health and Wellbeing For anyone working with children and young people Kirklees have created a Chathealth animation which can be shared young people and on social media to raise awareness of the NHS texting service which is available for young people to discuss a variety of issues including mental health, self-harm and relationships. Please see the link below

<https://youtu.be/sq4-RVtO0D4>

