

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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NEWSLETTER



A big congratulations to all our members who have been nominated for the below awards

INNOVATION IN TRAINING DELIVERY



OUTSTANDING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME



APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDER OF THE YEAR Bradford College



BEST PARTNERSHIP IN TRAINING



BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN TRAINING



BEST PARTNERSHIP IN TRAINING



BEST WORKPLACE READINESS SCHEME



EXCELLENCE IN LEARNER SUPPORT



TRAINING PROVIDER OF THE YEAR





TQUK Celebrates a Month of Innovation and Team Success

The educational landscape is changing, and Training Qualifications UK (TQUK), is using its expertise and forward-thinking to equip training providers, employers, and learners with the information and tools they need to stay ahead of the curve. From expanding its portfolio into new territory to upskilling employees, TQUK is making its mark in the world of education.

Latest TQUK launches

- **T Level Foundation Courses:** Fully mapped to the DfE's National Technical Outcomes, TQUK's T Level Foundation Courses offer learners a strong framework to build the knowledge, skills and behaviours they need to progress towards T Levels. [Find out more >](#)
- **Foundation apprenticeship:** Born from the apprenticeship reforms, TQUK's foundation apprenticeship in health and social care offers an excellent starting point for individuals eager to begin a rewarding career as a Health and Social Care Support Assistant. [Find out more >](#)

Interested in gaining expert insight into the reforms? Head to the [TQUK website](#).

- **Complete Functional Skills suite:** TQUK has added Entry Levels 1, 2 & 3 to its Functional Skills portfolio, providing learners with a seamless assessment experience from start to finish. [Find out more >](#)

Latest TQUK news

TQUK is proud to share that their Project Lead, Jack Smith, won the Rising Star award at the Federation of Awarding Bodies' Qualifications and Assessment Excellence Awards! [Read more about Jack's inspiring story here >](#)



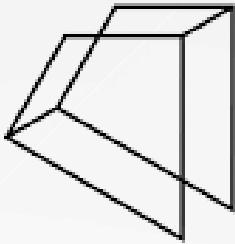


The First Avenue Training team walked 100 miles because 100 percent of us deserve better mental health

First Avenue Training tutors, together with some of the settings and apprentices they work with, successfully completed the 100 Miles for Mental Health challenge throughout November.

It was a fantastic team effort and a great opportunity to raise awareness of mental wellbeing. Thanks to everyone's support, they raised an impressive £1,075 for the charity.





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LSP Wins Best Construction Industry Training Provider

We're delighted to share that LSP has been named Best Construction Industry Training Provider at the recent 2025 Building the Future Awards. Judges praised our transformative impact on workforce development, innovative approach to training delivery, and commitment to strengthening the UK's future construction talent pipeline.

They were recognised for bridging the skills gap with training that's practical, employer-led, and fully aligned with the realities of modern construction. Their learner-centred model - from tailored apprenticeships and personalised support to advanced digital learning tools - has helped thousands build long-term careers across the sector.

The judges also highlighted their strong retention and achievement rates, track record of developing confident, qualified professionals, and commitment to quality, wellbeing, employability, and progression.

Celebrating Their Finalists

We're equally proud to celebrate their outstanding shortlisted learners, whose dedication and achievements inspire us every day:

- Larisa Frangulea - Rising Star of the Year
- Charlie Mewis - Young Engineer of the Year
- Harvey Weetch - Young Surveyor/Commercial Manager of the Year
- Sirin Koca - Young Surveyor/Commercial Manager of the Year

Their recognition reflects the passion and talent driving the future of our industry!



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**YORK
ST JOHN
UNIVERSITY**

YSJ is launching new courses during NAW

York St John University is proud to be launching a series of new apprenticeship courses during National Apprenticeship Week, offering employers and learners fresh opportunities to develop specialist skills and progress in high-growth sectors.

These programmes are designed in collaboration with industry to ensure they meet current workforce needs, support long-term career pathways, and provide flexible learning routes for those already in employment. As part of their launch, they are also hosting a number of online sessions where you can hear from programme leaders, ask questions, and find out how apprenticeships could benefit your organisation.

Creative and Digital Designer Professional Degree Apprenticeship: register here

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b90763d2-89b8-419f-85cc-65f3a0917870@5c8ae38e-f85b-4309-b7ec-862815a37aee>

Data Science Degree Apprenticeship: register here

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/0c9d13f1-a3fb-4b96-8ae0-b3f35dd0cd10@5c8ae38e-f85b-4309-b7ec-862815a37aee>

Operations Manager L5 Apprenticeship, delivered online nationally:

The York Business School Operations Manager Apprenticeship provides an industry-focused programme designed to develop capable operational leaders who can drive efficiency, innovation, and sustainable growth. Launch webinar TBC, please email apprenticeships@yorksj.ac.uk to register your interest.





York College Mix offers students option to combine A Levels with a vocational subject from 2026/27

If students are unsure whether to choose A Levels or a vocational route after Year 11? From 2026, York College & University Centre will make that decision easier with the new York College Mix - allowing students to study two A Levels alongside one A-Level-equivalent AAQ.

AAQs offer practical, academic learning backed by employers and carry the same UCAS points as A Levels. Subjects will include Applied Science, Cyber Security & Networks, Early Childhood Development, Engineering, Enterprise & Innovation, Health, IT, Medical Science, Marketing, Policing & Criminal Justice, and Sport, Exercise & Health.

York College is also introducing Environmental Science A Level, expanding its A Level choice to 37 subjects - the widest in North Yorkshire.

More new programmes are coming, including three new T Levels (Marketing, Jewellery Maker, and Legal Services) and a Level 3 Creative Practice - Photography course. Eight new apprenticeships are already live, with more expected in 2026.

Read more about these courses here:

<https://www.yorkcollege.ac.uk/events-and-news/news-blogs/york-college-mix-offers-students-option-to-combine-a-levels-with-a-vocational-subject-from-2026-27>





Adult Learning North Yorkshire Celebrates Matrix Accreditation

Adult Learning North Yorkshire has successfully maintained its Matrix accreditation, recognising the high-quality information, advice and guidance (IAG) they provide to help learners make informed choices. Recent feedback reflects that quality too – with learners calling their experience “fantastic” and praising the support they received.

Inspectors highlighted strong IAG, dedicated support from our Learner Engagement Officers, excellent performance against KPIs, clear leadership commitment, and inclusive outreach to harder-to-reach communities.

This recognition comes as they launch a new IAG offer through the Get Britain Working Economic Trailblazer, supporting people into employment, working with businesses, and reducing barriers across York and North Yorkshire. A new feature, Life Chats, will offer informal conversations to help adults explore learning, work or volunteering options.

Thank you to their teams for their hard work – here's to an exciting 2026!





ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

National Success for Askham Bryan Apprentices

Askham Bryan are proud to celebrate two outstanding apprentices from Askham Bryan College who have achieved national recognition at the Land-Based and Environment Learner of the Year Awards (LBEL).

- Rebecca Jordan - National Equine and Farriery Apprentice of the Year
- Will Smith - National Arboriculture, Forestry and Woodland Apprentice of the Year

Their success highlights the knowledge, resilience, and dedication of learners, as well as the exceptional training Askham Bryan provide. Winning in the Arboriculture and Forestry category for several consecutive years reinforces the value of apprenticeships to employers and the strength of their programs.

Congratulations to Rebecca, Will, and their employers!

Explore their apprenticeship opportunities:

[Browse Apprenticeship Courses](#)

[Current Vacancies](#) (You will need to scroll down)

Read the full story: [A Night of Recognition at the LBEL Awards](#)



DN COLLEGES GROUP

DN Colleges Group Smashes “Building Bridges” Campaign to Support Local Businesses and Young People

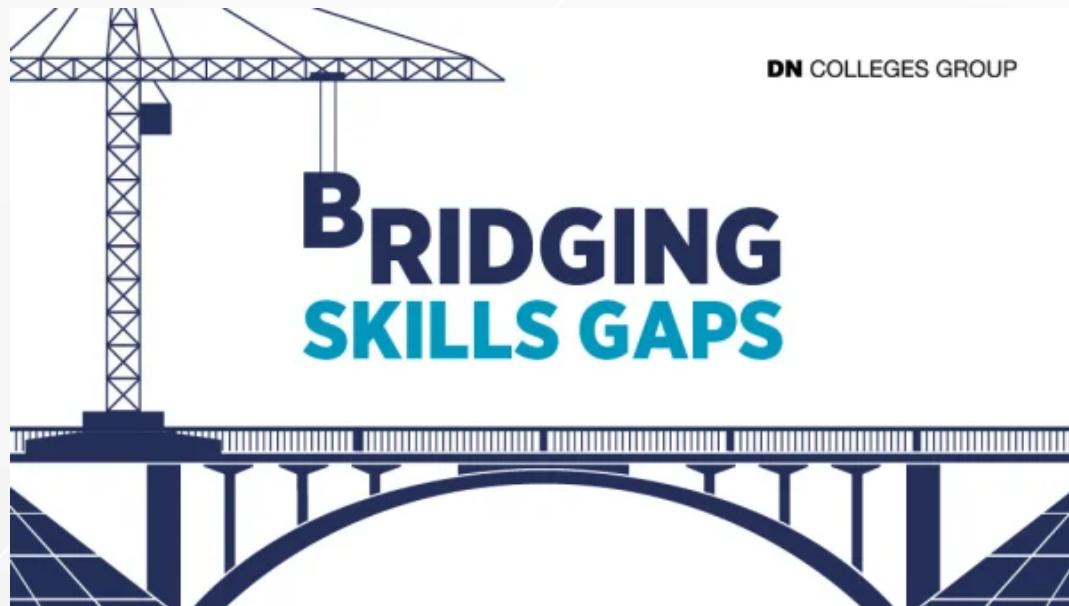
DN Colleges Group is celebrating the success of its Building Bridges campaign, which set out to create 100 new apprenticeship opportunities in 100 days – and delivered 147.

The campaign was launched to support business growth across Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, tackle skills shortages and offer routes into work for young people not in education, employment or training.

Strong collaboration with regional employers helped generate apprenticeship roles across sectors including construction, engineering, health and social care, service industries and accountancy.

The Group supported businesses with funding guidance, job advertising and candidate recruitment, helping employers access motivated talent and address skills gaps.

Following this success, DN Colleges Group plans to continue strengthening partnerships and expanding high-quality apprenticeship opportunities across the region. Employers interested in getting involved can contact the Business Development Team.



Realise

New recruit to expand trainer's health and social care operations

Realise has appointed Julie Taylor as its new Head of Strategic Partnerships - Health & Social Care, strengthening its growth in the adult care sector.

Based in Lincolnshire, Julie brings 26 years' experience in skills and employability across senior roles, giving her a strong understanding of employer needs and learner outcomes.

She will focus on building new partnerships, enhancing existing relationships and supporting high-quality training delivery across health and social care.

Realise delivers accredited qualifications and apprenticeships from Level 2 to Level 5, helping care organisations develop their workforce. Julie said she is excited to join a provider whose values align with her passion for helping people thrive.

Read the full article here:

<https://realisetraining.com/news-and-events/news/new-recruit-to-expand-trainers-health-and-social-care-operations>

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