

# MEMBER VISIT

As a trusted non-profit awarding body, **OAL** reinvests its expertise back into apprenticeships, ensuring support remains responsive to providers, employers, and evolving policy.

#### Focus Areas:

- **Apprenticeship Reform Preparedness**
- **Foundation Apprenticeships in Engineering & Manufacturing**
- **Short Courses & Industrial Strategy Alignment**
- **Endpoint Assessment Continuity**



#### NEWS and UPDATES from member:

##### Provider Support Through Webinars & Newsletters

We're launching targeted webinars and regular newsletter updates later this year to support providers in navigating the evolving apprenticeship reform. These sessions will offer practical insights and clear explanations, helping providers stay informed and prepared as more details on upcoming policy changes become available.

##### Sector Priorities

OAL highlighted Engineering & Manufacturing as a key growth area, with strong links to the Industrial Strategy and discussions around establishing a dedicated forum.

The Food & Drink sector also remains a major focus through OAL's work with the National Skills Academy for Food & Drink.

Additionally, OAL's swift approach to developing new qualifications—alongside its robust endorsed and accredited offer—will be essential in responding to the fast-evolving landscape of the Growth and Skills levy.

#### Award Recognition & Commitment to Service

Short-listed this year for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Award and Customer Service Excellence Award, building on wins last year for Provider Relationship of the Year and Individual of the Year.

#### EPA Developments

OAL will continue delivering EPA while supporting providers and employers to prepare apprentices for upcoming assessment changes.

We asked Jan Richardson-Wilde, CEO at OAL, for her thoughts on the benefits of being part of Yorkshire Learning Providers.

She explained:

"We've found YLP membership invaluable - helping us meet a wider range of providers, engage regionally, and contribute meaningfully through events like the Women in FE Network, which we are keen to continue our support for."

**YLP work with our members to better understand what they are looking for, and what we can do to further support local FE.**