

EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER & EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

2022>25



Our Vision and Strategic Objectives

We have been ambitious in our approach and in determining our vision, but we firmly believe that, together, we can achieve it through delivery of our five strategic objectives -



Our Mission

Our staff positively transform our students' lives and the communities we serve by putting them at the heart of everything we do

Our Values



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Introduction

As an anchor institution in West and North Yorkshire, the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group is committed to working in a highly collaborative manner with our network of external stakeholders for the benefit of our students and our communities.

Our aim is to plan our curriculum to offer the right skills for now and for the future through innovative, relevant courses and qualifications – right for the region, for jobs for our learners and employers. We are working with our local and regional partners to do this and to improve our economy.

Stakeholder engagement is an essential activity and should be used to inform the decisions that we take in planning our strategies, policies and procedures, our services and our curriculum. In this context, our external stakeholders include Civic partners, Education partners, Community partners and, of course, Employer partners. Of course, our students and our staff – ‘Our People’ – are at the heart of what we do and there are separate strategies in place that encompass our engagement with them specifically.

This document sets out the external relationships we have in place, and how we aim to build on them further to benefit our students and our communities. It should be read in conjunction with our Curriculum & Skills Strategy 2022-25, which outlines our ambition and approach for curriculum and skill development over the next three years, with the involvement of our partners.

Both strategies were presented at our Strategy Event involving almost 40 external stakeholders on 19th January 2023. Discussions and feedback from this session were incredibly useful and have been used to inform our final plans.

I would like to thank those partners who contributed at the event and to the many more who we work with on a daily basis.

With best wishes,

Sam Wright

Principal & Chief Executive

Overview of our Stakeholders

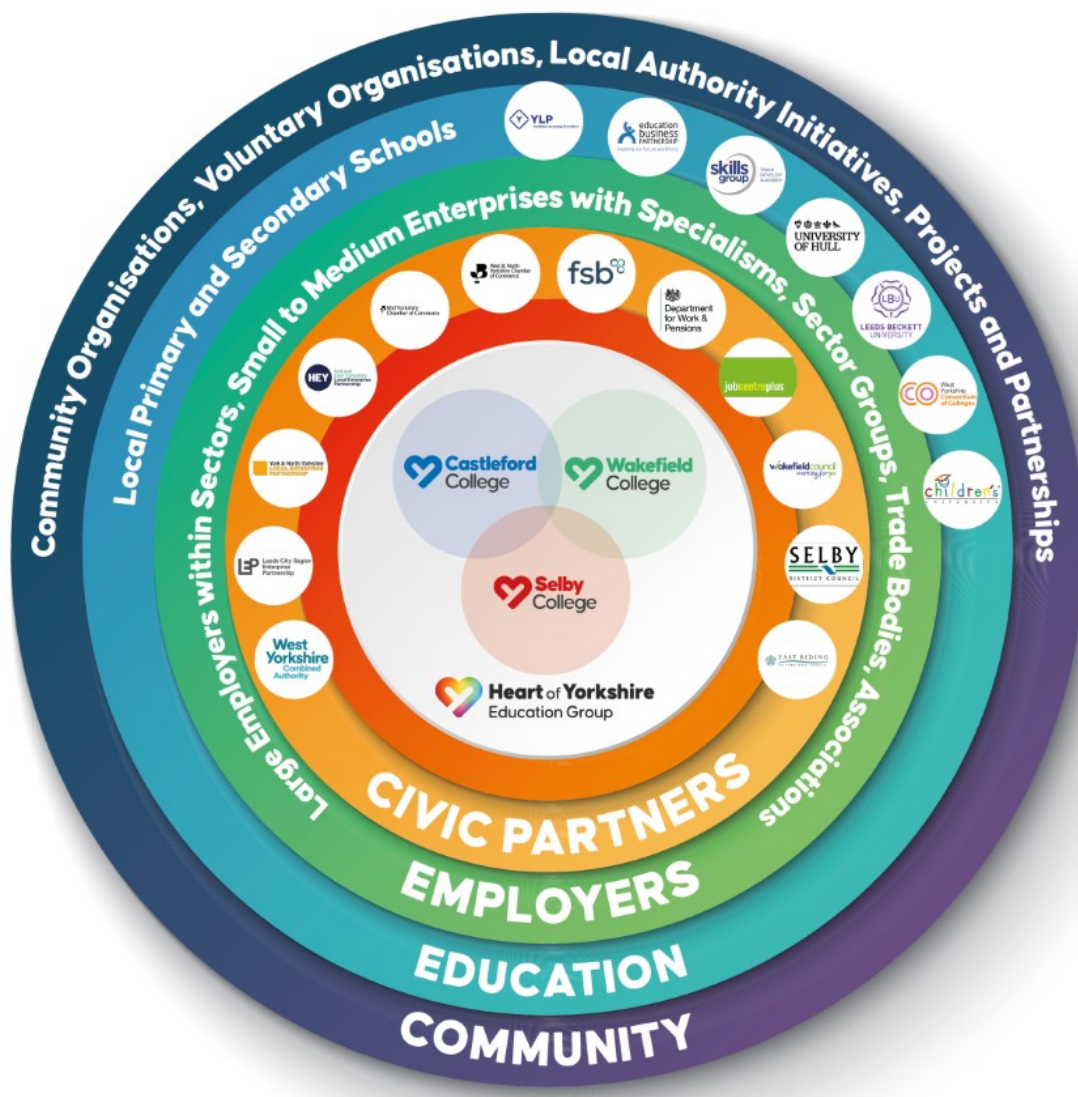
Internal Stakeholders

It goes without saying that our People - our internal stakeholders – our students and our staff are our first and foremost priority, and we have separate detailed documents that set out our engagement with both of these groups. For the purposes of this strategy though, we are focused on our external stakeholders.

External Stakeholders

The Heart of Yorkshire Education Group engages constantly with local, regional and national stakeholders to ensure that our skills offer and approach are going to have the impact our Yorkshire communities and local economies really need.

The strength of the relationships we have with our stakeholders and partners is paramount. Whatever kind of stakeholder, all are important in ensuring we are focused on the right things in shaping what we do and, at the same time, are able to play a meaningful role in improving our economies.



Civic Partners

As an anchor institution, we work in partnership with other key organisations to make a positive contribution to the places we serve.

With our Group of Colleges, we serve a wide area across Yorkshire, and we take into account the economic and skills strategies of key civic partners. Castleford College and Wakefield College are based in the Wakefield District Council area, within the Leeds City Region (LCR) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) region. Selby College is based in the Selby District Council area, soon to be part of the new North Yorkshire Council, and the York and North Yorkshire LEP. Selby College also does much work in the Humberside and East Yorkshire (HEY) LEP area, with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and also has some learners in the WYCA area.

At a regional and local level, the strategies and plans of these organisations (please see Appendix A), and the research that has been undertaken by them, are integral to our future strategies and inform our skills planning.

In addition, our provision will link clearly to the West Yorkshire and North Yorkshire Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs), led by the West & North Yorkshire and Mid Yorkshire Chambers of Commerce and Industry as our Employer Representative Bodies (ERBs).

The LSIPs will set out the key priorities needed to make technical education and skills provision more responsive to the changing needs of employers and the local economy. The LSIP process and frameworks will enable us to work effectively with employers to understand their skills needs and how these could be addressed through existing provision and changes to provision locally.

Employer Partners

Across our Group, we work with more than 1,300 employers and have a dedicated cross-Group team focused on employer engagement. We are also keen to further develop our already strong relationships with our Chambers of Commerce, the Federation of Small Businesses and other Employer Representative Bodies (ERBs) such as We Are Wakefield and Selby Business Forum, who are connected to employers across the areas we serve and who provide us with invaluable feedback and support.

Our aim is to involve employers in everything we do –

Informing our **Intent** – planning and developing what we do

- Helping us to understand the changing employment demands and skill needs of different sectors through effective and regular dialogue and communication with groups of employers
- Informing our curriculum design and planning and the range of provision we deliver – apprenticeships, T levels, vocational and technical qualifications at all levels
- Jointly creating and developing new and bespoke programmes with employers, supported by joint tenders for funding
- Enabling our teachers to continue to develop their industry-standard skills, to stay up-to-date and prepare for future skills needs, and also to help us to recruit staff with the right skill sets
- Taking employer views on the development of our estate and ensuring our facilities and equipment meet industry standards and what our students will see in the workplace

Supporting our **Implementation** – helping us to make our delivery relevant and current

- Influencing the way we teach our students in the classroom, mirroring the workplace to develop their work-ready skills and enable them to move into jobs with good employers
- Ensuring that our students are receiving current careers and jobs information directly from employers, through the delivery of specific modules and guest lectures that inspire them to consider careers in particular industries
- Offering work experience and industry placement opportunities that will help our students to hone their skills and build their CVs
- Facilitating opportunities for our students and local residents to move into meaningful jobs with our employers through our talent pipeline of work ready students seeking employment
- Providing opportunities for those furthest from the job market into roles through partnerships with specific employers and DWP, including our Sector-based Work Academy Programmes (SWAPs)

Demonstrating our **Impact** – and the difference we are making to our students, our employers and our local economies

- Successfully recruiting students and apprentices onto programmes in high priority skill sectors
- Making sure all of our students within scope receive valuable employer input, work experience and/or placements
- Receiving positive feedback from both our students and our employer partners about what we do
- Ensuring positive destinations for all students and apprentices

Ultimately, we want our offer to inspire our students, our staff and our communities to understand and support the sectors with a high demand for skills, where those opportunities for our students exist.

Education Partners

We collaborate with a diverse range of education providers, working together with other further education colleges, training providers and higher education institutions to ensure that our combined skills offer and approach is going to have the impact our communities and local economies really need.

We play an active role in the West Yorkshire Colleges Consortium, the York & North Yorkshire Consortium and the YNY Institute of Technology. We are focused on strengthening our relationships with our partner universities and increasing our engagement with Yorkshire Learning Providers through their much-valued initiatives and opportunities to collaborate.

Of course, our partnerships with schools is crucial and focus continues to be on further building our relationships with feeder high schools and academies. We will hold a wide range of events and activities at all Colleges throughout the year and will work with partner schools to maximise their progression into post-16. Our work also includes continuing to build relationships with feeder sixth forms, for their students to progress into our HE provision and into apprenticeships.

At primary level, we will continue to promote our Children's University (CU), offering out of school learning opportunities to primary schools and families across the areas we serve. We will offer a range of skills challenges based on the Skills Builder framework which underpins the work of the CU.

We will further strengthen our links to community learning providers, in Wakefield – the Adult Community Education Service, and in North Yorkshire – Community Learning, to avoid duplication of provision and encourage progression routes.

Community Partners

As well as delivering on skills priorities, we are here to support and to be involved in the work of community partners, voluntary and charitable organisations, to make a real difference to our local residents' lives and their wellbeing, which includes our students, and to add value to the communities we serve.

These also include project groups that target particular cohorts, neighbourhoods, areas and communities. We recognise that we all need to work together collaboratively to reach our goals around inclusion and driving up participation.

Many community partners also provide us with much valued assistance in terms of student engagement and support, and we will continue to work with them to enhance the student experience.

Our Approach to Stakeholder and Employer Engagement

In all of our interactions with our stakeholders, we are committed to -

- Engaging with, listening to and consulting regularly to ensure everything we do is aligned to regional and local skills needs, improving skills levels and enhancing economic growth
- Collaborating and avoid unnecessary competition through our work with other colleges and providers to co-plan our curriculum and our delivery
- Work with schools, community organisations and partners to ensure our offer is inclusive and we are able to engage, enhance and support the progression of young people and adult learners effectively
- Embracing new opportunities including new funding initiatives that support the delivery of government and regional policy and priorities
- Playing a key role within the Local Skills Improvement Plans
- Ensuring we have the right internal structure to deliver our strategy – Senior Leadership leads for key partnerships, boards and forums, as well as having key engagement teams in place, such as the Employer Engagement Team. School Partnerships Team, Comms Team, HE Team
- Communicating our plans and our offer effectively so that our stakeholders know what we're doing, and and what we're achieving
- Measuring the effectiveness of our approach

Measuring our Effectiveness

Of course, we know that our strategies need to be measurable in terms of effectiveness and there several ways we will demonstrate this –

1. Ensure that we are **Delivering Quality** through either accurate self-assessment or an Ofsted inspection, in particular focusing on –

Intent – how effectively we have planned our curriculum, taking into account stakeholder views

Implementation – how effectively we have delivered our curriculum, involving employers and partners

Impact – what difference has it made to our students, our employers and our local areas

2. **Growth** – tracking our progress around growth of priority sectors and provision and delivering against our funding and learner engagement targets
3. **Strengthening our Reputation** – ensuring we have positive feedback from employers and students and high levels of satisfaction, resulting in strengthened relationships

We have set clear KPIs and objectives for the above, and progress in terms of performance is reported to Governors at each Board or Committee meeting as relevant.

Testimonials from some of our Stakeholders

Civic Partners

Martin Hathaway, Managing Director, Mid Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce



We represent businesses across Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield districts and have done so for 169 Years so far. I feel we have an excellent relationship with the College, now the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group, with open lines of communication at all times. We speak to our many business members about their current and future skills needs, which the College is always keen to respond to by providing short appropriate training.

This year will see the first publishing of Local Skills Improvement Plans for West Yorkshire and for North Yorkshire, which is led by the Chambers and other Employer Representative bodies including the Federation of Small Business and the Confederation of British Industry. The Heart of Yorkshire Education Group is a vital partner in both gathering the data from businesses and compiling the plans, which will then be used to shape the future curriculum and skills provision across the region to address skills needs.

Annabel Jelley, Project Manager, York and North Yorkshire SDF Partnership

I am a consultant specialising in the field of skills and currently work with Selby College (now Heart of Yorkshire Education Group) on a range of projects. Over the years, I have found the College to be proactive, innovative and progressive in its approach to responding to the needs of local people and businesses. This is reflected in the breadth of the curriculum and in the way that it has adapted to changes in technology and the needs of the economy through waves of prosperity as well as recession.



The College is also front and centre when it comes to strategic engagement ensuring that the organisation is well placed to draw in investment for the community and fulfil the potential of the area effectively.

Clare Elliott, Service Director – Economic Growth and Skills, Wakefield Council



Delivery of the Wakefield District Employment and Skills Strategy relies on an incredibly close and productive working relationship between the Council and the College.

Both organisations invest a significant amount of time in nurturing that relationship for the benefit of the residents across the District and in order to have the collective impact needed on the greatest employment and skills challenges facing the City and its towns. This is best demonstrated through the role the College Principal plays in Chairing the Wakefield District Employment and Skills Board and through ongoing development of joint funding bids and subsequent project delivery including the recent 'Go Green' project.

The College and the Council are united in their commitment to provide the skills that are needed for the future, to ensuring the local education system meets local needs, to guaranteeing access to employment and skills for all and to fostering a culture of lifelong careers and progression.

Angela Crossland, Head of Healthier Lives, Community & Economy, North Yorkshire Council



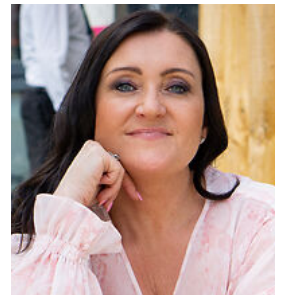
The Heart of Yorkshire Education Group has brought a great energy, proactively engaging with the North Yorkshire Council across health, economic development, transport, culture, education and adult learning to get a good understanding of local strengths and challenges which require a true partnership approach.

Education and the opportunity for lifelong learning are important pillars of good health outcomes in life. The Selby district is a diverse place with socio economic and rural challenges in accessing education but also provides unique opportunities to access high quality careers alongside a great place to live.

Their engagement with stakeholders through Selby College reflects their understanding of this local picture and how their contribution through education is improving health outcomes, enabling people to access great jobs and remain in a safe and welcoming place to live. Their focus on inclusive education is welcomed to ensure that barriers to learning are continually challenged for all who live and work here.

Claire Sutherley, Managing Director, We Are Wakefield Ltd

We Are Wakefield is a collaborative and supportive community with over 160 member businesses across the Wakefield District. A strong, natural partnership has evolved with the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group, and we are keen to be the conduit between member businesses and the colleges to support both students and their future employers.



By encouraging dialogue between member businesses and the college, we feel that students will be better equipped to enter the workplace and local employers will see the benefit of having input into the curriculum to ensure that skills gaps are filled by local students. Together we are stronger.

Business and education should not hesitate to work together to safeguard our futures. This, in turn, has a significant impact on how we live, work, and play in our district by retaining talent who will invest in our local economy.

Employer Partners

Phillip Marshall, Director of Workforce and Organisational Development, The Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust



The Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust employs almost 10,000 members of staff across Pinderfields Hospital, Dewsbury District Hospital, Pontefract Hospital, and adult community services in Wakefield.

The relationship between the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group and the Trust is strong. I was delighted to see Health and Wellbeing listed as one of the Group's priorities at the excellent event earlier this year to launch their new strategy.

I recently toured the Group's facilities on the Wakefield Campus and held a meeting with their inspirational senior leadership team.

The Heart of Yorkshire Education Group has been incredibly responsive to our workforce needs. I am sure their partnership with health and care providers will go from strength to strength at both an operational and strategic level for the benefit of the communities we all serve.

Jane Breach, UK Community & Education Manager, Drax Power Station



We are delighted to have a strong and longstanding partnership with the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group, enabling us to work effectively with schools and the Group's colleges to engage with and inspire the next generation to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects.

By involving Drax in the shaping of its curriculum, the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group is helping to address our skills needs and business goals through the development and delivery of innovative training programmes, including in vital technologies such as Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage. This not only ensures that we are able to futureproof our workforce but means we can position ourselves at the forefront of the green industrial revolution – creating and protecting thousands of jobs in our local community, whilst driving forward the UK's net zero target.

Debbie Watson, Social Value Manager (Yorkshire), Caddick Construction Ltd

We have developed a strong relationship with the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group and its Colleges over the many years of working with them. Through regular planning meetings, we have engaged effectively with the construction students, bringing what they have learnt in the classroom to life:

- *We trialled the new construction T-Level placement arrangement;*
- *Provided work placement opportunities for students on our sites;*
- *Hosted many site visits with the different construction disciplines on our sites;*
- *Provided professionals to give talks to the students and be a 'critical friend' in workshops;*
- *Took part in their 'Give Construction a Try' event;*
- *Utilised the College for apprenticeship recruitment.*



The students have always been engaged, and tutors and staff all really supportive. The Group has also been really proactive in hosting forums and discussions on shaping curriculum, especially around green skills, as well as providing information to aid our recruitment of new talent and training for our existing workforce. We look forward to continuing this relationship going forward.

Chara Forrest, Resident Manager, The Devonshire Arms Hotel & Spa



The Devonshire Arms Hotel and Spa, and wider Devonshire Hotels and Restaurants Group, has worked with the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group to ensure that hospitality remains an attractive career to the next generation. There have been key relationships built and maintained that nurture a strong link between education and industry; a link which is increasingly important to ensuring not only the success of hospitality, but the success of the people entering this great industry.

We have collaborated in a number of ways but the most beneficial for the students has been the provision of work placements within the hotel and spa, allowing students the opportunity to experience their area of study within the working world. Some students have

returned to us for full time work following the completion of their course, those individuals have joined with a great educational basis and have been valued as ambassadors for the next generation. They make us extremely proud of our partnership and we look forward to continuing to work together.

Education & Training Partners

Alex Miles, Managing Director, Yorkshire Learning Providers



I have worked with Wakefield and Selby Colleges for many years and they are a key player and member within our network. Wakefield have been a trailblazer in research and development on green skills and their recent report on skills needs across Wakefield has been praised by the West Yorkshire green jobs taskforce, which I am a member of.

Selby College provides vital education to the community it serves, from within the town and across the rural areas for North & East Yorkshire. Heart of Yorkshire Education Group colleagues are regular attendees and contributors at our networking and quality meetings and are represented on the operational working groups for both the West Yorkshire & North Yorkshire LSIPs, therefore demonstrating their commitment to skills development and employer engagement.

The Group is a well-respected and valued education provider and is a positive member of our network, the projects we deliver and the communities they serve.

Nick Hinchcliffe, Principal, Selby High School

The relationship between Selby High School and Selby College has become stronger since the merger, becoming the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group in March 2022. They are a member of the Selby Locality Board and have met with me and other local heads to try and meet the needs of local schools and students. The College has increased its curriculum offer to be much more inclusive and support students at level 1 who would previously have gone out of district to access post 16 provision.



As a school, we have a direct line to the Principal and Head of School Partnerships and as a result a significant amount of partnership work has taken place. This includes a small number of Year 11 pupils taking part in a pilot Early College Transfer scheme and a six week enrichment programme delivered in school for our Year 9 students.

Selby College is the provider of choice for many Selby High School students, and there are excellent relationships between College and School staff, with College staff regularly coming into school to speak to Year 11s and their parents, and lots of opportunities for students to visit the College. We look forward to collaborating further in the coming months and years.

Tudor Griffiths, Headteacher, Kettlethorpe High School



Over many years Kettlethorpe High School has had a very positive and supportive working relationship with Wakefield College. This has been particularly evident in the partnership working that has been developed to support some of our more vulnerable learners in accessing a learning environment that has been tailored to their needs and then supports them in being successful as learners.

Pupils have also benefited from a range of holiday learning opportunities and experiencing subjects that they have not come across before. In addition, many of our pupils attend open days and then choose to attend Wakefield College for a wide range of academic and vocational pathways post 16.

Our school has also benefitted from working alongside college-based staff to further develop courses and learning opportunities for learners as well as supporting teachers with continued professional development opportunities. Over many years we have had strong representation from Wakefield College, and a shared working commitment, to support the work of the Wakefield Learning Community that involves partnership working across the wider district.

Becky Huxley-Binns, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Education, the University of Hull



The University of Hull was extremely pleased to support its partners, Selby College and Wakefield College, in their application to merge to become the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group.

The University of Hull has developed a very strong and positive relationship with the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group for its accreditation of higher education provision. Both Colleges provide extremely high standards of education when it comes to quality of provision and the student experience, so their combined forces can only further enhance the high-quality education they can offer to those individuals who wish to access HE to improve their employability and career development.

Community Partners

Andy Clow, CEO, The Youth Association

We are a regional youth work charity, based in Wakefield and operating across West and South Yorkshire. We have had the privilege of working increasingly closely with Wakefield College for the last six years and we have come to see our relationship as being a pivotal one in terms of how we support young people in Wakefield and how we develop new strands of youth work to meet the needs of young people more generally.



There are many shared elements in our mission and that of the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group, which makes our work together an easy fit. Our methods are all about informal social education and the leadership of the Group quickly saw that our approach brought an alternative for students facing challenges to access help, support and insight in ways that benefit their learning and a general enrichment of their experience. We see the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group as a key partner and stakeholder.

Appendix A – Key Reference Documents

West Yorkshire / Leeds City Region

WYCA - Strategic Economic Framework – Our Vision – 2 September 2020
[sef-our-vision.pdf \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](#)

WYCA/LCR LEP - Employment and Skills Framework – June 2021
[employment-skills-framework-final.pdf \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](#)

West Yorkshire Climate and Environment Plan 2021 – 2024
[west-yorkshire-climate-and-environment-plan.pdf \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](#)

Wakefield

Wakefield Council – Wakefield District Economic Strategy 2018-2023
(<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Documents/policies-procedures/economic-strategy.pdf>)

Wakefield Council Climate Change Action Plan
<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/localplan2020/wakefield-climate-change-action-plan-ccap.pdf>)

York & North Yorkshire

Y & NY LEP – Covid-19 – A Plan to Reshape our Economy
<https://www.ynylep.com/Portals/0/adam/HtmlNewApp/2om6vyezekOG0oMknUhzZw/Body/Version-2.2-30-October-2020-1.pdf>

Y&NY LEP 2021-2022 Delivery Plan
https://www.ynylep.com/Portals/0/adam/Document%20Manager/tLu5Plm_NUejxRzBENqhlA/Doc_Link/210315-Item-7-LEP-Single-Delivery-Plan-LEP-Board-March-v2-002.pdf

Y&NY LEP - Local Industrial Strategy 2020
https://www.ynylep.com/Portals/0/adam/Document%20Manager/DXxHmBKUbU2PYOH2MdnOLA/Doc_Link/LIS-YN-BOARD-SIGN-OFF-13032020.pdf

North Yorkshire County Council - Plan for Economic Growth 2021-2024
https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/fileroot/Business%20and%20economy/A%20plan%20for%20Economic%20Growth%202021_accessible.pdf

Y&NY LEP – Skills Strategy 2021-2026
<https://www.ynylep.com/Portals/0/adam/Stories/ZQPApUovwk6VFupP83waOQ/Body/83179-LEP-Skills-strategy-brochure-A4-2021-2026 LANDSCAPE v3.pdf>

Y&NY LEP – York and North Yorkshire Labour Market Analysis 2021
https://www.ynylep.com/Portals/0/adam/Stories/OhqqpV3Rg0aL68WCU08pNA/Body/83388%20LEP%20Labour%20Market%20Analysis%202021%20A4_single%20pages.pdf

Y&NY LEP - Creating a Competitive, Carbon-neutral Circular Economy in York and North Yorkshire
https://www.ynylep.com/Portals/0/adam/Stories/ZoEAO4eABkGtDE6A3H5cjQ/Body/v2Creating-a-competitive-carbon-neutral-circular-economy_York-North-Yorkshire.pdf

North and West Yorkshire Emissions Reduction Pathways

<https://www.ynylep.com/Portals/0/adam/Stories/VqQDBytZGUuDihbMTz2ZZQ/Body/North-West-Yorkshire-Emissions-Reduction-Pathways.pdf>

Selby

Selby District Council - Selby District Economic Development Framework 2017-2022... and beyond

<https://www.selby.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/SMG%20event%20brochure%20v.10-res.pdf>

Selby District Council - Low Carbon Strategy 2021 – 2030

<https://www.selby.gov.uk/what-were-doing>

Humber & East Riding

HEY LEP - **Economic Growth & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2026**

<https://heylep.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/FINAL-HEY-LEP-Economic-Growth-Workforce-Wellbeing-Strategy-2021-2026.pdf>

East Riding Economic Strategy 2018-2022 Action Plan

<https://heylep.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/East-Riding-Economic-Strategy-Action-Plan.pdf>

HEY LEP (2021) 'Economic Growth and Workforce Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2026

<https://heylep.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/FINAL-HEY-LEP-Economic-Growth-Workforce-Wellbeing-Strategy-2021-2026.pdf>

HEY LEP - Hull & East Yorkshire Local Skills Report January 2022 <https://heylep.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Hull-East-Yorkshire-Local-Skills-Report.pdf>

HEY LEP – Green Jobs and Skills Analysis

<https://heylep.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/HEY-LEP-Green-Jobs-and-Skills-Analysis.pdf>

Appendix B – Stakeholder Boards & Forums

NB – This list is an overview of external boards, forums and partnerships we attend or are members of. It does not include the individual employers we engage with or our own Employer Forums.

Strategic
Wakefield District Partnership Coronavirus Command Group
Wakefield High Street Task Force
Association of Colleges Yorkshire and Humber Principals' and Chairs' Group
Leeds City Region Skills Network
ESP Advisory Group
Castleford Town Centre Taskforce Group
Wakefield Learning Community Forum
West Yorkshire College Consortium Joint Venture Group
Curriculum Benchmarking Forum
Association of Colleges Yorkshire and Humber Curriculum Group
York & North Yorkshire Principal's Group
Wakefield District Multi-Agency Tactical Meeting - Ukraine Crisis
Wakefield Learning City & District Board (Chair)
Wakefield Recovery Board
Economic Recovery Board
Kickstart Board
Wakefield Place Board
Local Services Board
Children's and Young People's Partnership Board – Wakefield District
Gold Emergency Planning Group - Wakefield
West Yorkshire Consortium of Colleges Board of Directors
Pontefract Education Trust Board
Employment and Skills Board

Wakefield MDC Adult and Community Education Service Board
NEET (Not in Education Employment or Training) Strategic Board
Yorkshire & Humber Institute of Technology Board
Selby Locality Board

Finance & Funding

Co-Chair of the Yorkshire & Humberside College FDs Group
National College FDs Group
ESFA National Funding Working Group

HR

Chair of the Y&H HRDs Network
Association of Colleges National HR Policy Group
Wakefield Council Independent Remuneration Committee

Employer Engagement / Business Networks

Wakefield Manufacturing Forum
Let's Talk Real Skills Collaborative Skills Partnerships (run by West Yorkshire Consortium of Colleges - WYCC) in Construction; Creative; Digital; Engineering and Manufacturing; Low Carbon; TV and Film Production
Successful Business Board
Go Higher West Yorkshire Skills Group
Connected Campus (Screen Yorkshire)
Construction Site Operative Course Development (specific forum under a *Let's Talk Real Skills* project)
We are Wakefield Business Network
MY Network Wakefield
Sherburn Business Forum organized by Selby District Council
Selby District Council Retail & Hospitality Forum
Selby Heritage Action Zone Board
Reach Higher
Collaborative Apprenticeships

Contract as a delivery partner to Calderdale College on an ESF funded project called Specialist Skills Support Programme and Business Scale Up Development Programme (two strands to the contract)

Higher Education

University of Hull Collaborative College Partnership

Association of Colleges Higher Education Forum

University of Hull Joint Development Board

University of Hull Mental Health Forum

Representative for a group of Colleges on the University of Huddersfield's Steering Committee for the whole Collaborative Partnership (Teacher Ed and Early Years)

Go Higher West Yorkshire Operations Group

Cambridge Access Validating Agency – Council Members Representative

Go Higher West Yorkshire Graduate Skills Operations Group

Go Higher West Yorkshire Graduation Skills Steering Group

GHWY Uni-Connect project – chair of Project Assurance Committee

Inclusion

Association of Colleges Northern SEND forum

SEND Transformation Board

Wakefield SEND Strategy Board

Wakefield Inclusion Strategy Board

Wakefield NEET Steering Group

WESAIL Professionals Committee

Preparing for Adulthood Forum

LEP SEND Careers Hub Strategy Group

LEP SEND Careers Employer Engagement Operational Group

Project Search National Strategy Board

Project Search Education Senior Leaders Group

Wakefield SENDCo Group

ETF SEND Mentoring Programme

Project Search ValYou

Derby College – Centre of Excellence for SEND

HfT Supported Employment Agency

Board of Trustees for Crescent Purchasing Consortium (CPC LTD).

Board of Trustees for Lightwaves Community Trust.

Marketing & Communications

AoC Marketing & PR Network

West Yorkshire Consortium of Colleges Marketing & Communications Group

T Level Provider Communications Group

CAVA Access to HE Promotion and Recruitment Working Group

Wakefield District Health & Care Partnership Communications, Involvement and EDI workstream

Yorkshire & Humber Institute of Technology Marketing Group

Student Services / Student Experience / Careers / Work Experience

National Association of Managers of Student Services (All SE Manager leads) - National

Chair of Yorkshire & Humber NAMSS regional network

Student Engagement Network

Work Experience/Work Placement Network

T-Level Ambassador Network

Enterprise Adviser - West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Enterprise Adviser – York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority

Enterprise Board – York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority

Leeds City Region CEIAG Network - West Yorkshire Combined Authority

C&K Careers – Information, Advice and Guidance- Adult Careers but steered group to also highlight 16 – 18-year-olds.

AoC - Erasmus+ and Turing steering group

Chair of The Youth Association Trustee Board

LVP Network (Learner Voice Practitioner Network)

Southwest Yorkshire Partnership - Recovery College

Springfield (PRU) Interim management board

GQal -Strategic Board & Standards Board

Further Education Tutorial Network (FETN)

Learning and Work Institute Young Carers Project

National Careers Service

Co-Chair Wakefield Horticulture Partnership with Wakefield College, Wakefield BID- Members: Wakefield Council, Street Scene, various stakeholders within the City.

Sewtec- Developing wider engagement opportunities.

Erasmus+ and Turing Contracts and Bid Manager

JCT600

Morrisons In School Partner

Aspire Igen

Give Construction a Try (GCAT)

West Yorkshire Fire Service

West & North Yorkshire Prison service (dogs)

North Yorkshire Horizons

GHWY Uni-Connect project

HOP – Uni- Connect project

Safeguarding

Silver Contest Group – Wakefield

Bronze Contest Group - Wakefield

Bronze Contest Group - Selby

School Partnerships / Young People

Wakefield Secondary Headteachers' Group

WMDC Young People's Communication Group

Wakefield Learning Community Forum (Schools SLT)

Wakefield MDC & Schools Inclusion Group

Wakefield MDC NEET Strategic Group

Sustainability

EAUC – The Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education

FE Network Meeting – EAUC

Green Ambition for FE and Skills – Yorkshire Learning Providers

EAUC – Change Agents UK Sustainability Project

Planet Earth Games College Members through AoC Sport

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Project Group – working with other West Yorkshire FE colleges through the Strategic Development Fund (SDF) to embed the SDGs

More generally under the SDF projects we regularly meet with other FE colleges in both West and North Yorks regarding our development of courses in green – heat recovery in North Yorks and EV and retrofit in West Yorks

Heat Recovery and Transfer Steering Group – working together to develop courses in heat recovery and transfer (North Yorks).

We are part of the Selby Circular Cluster with Selby District Council, York and North Yorks. LEP and a few employers – discussing sustainability in the region (new group in its infancy)

As members of the IoT in North Yorks sustainability forms part of the conversation – we and partners are all working on courses development and upgrading our equipment and infrastructure to be able to better support green skills

CURRICULUM - STAKEHOLDER BOARDS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Apprenticeships

Northern Apprenticeships Forum

York Apprenticeship Provider Group

Yorkshire Learning Providers Partnership

Arts Curriculum

Let's Talk Real Skills, Creative Industries CSP (West Yorks)

LTRS, Film & TV Production CSP (West Yorks)

Creative Wakefield (Wakefield)

LCEP Networking Events

Creative Careers (Wakefield)

Arts Mark (Wakefield)

Yorkshire Music Forum

The Selby Creates

Wakefield LCEP (Local Cultural Educational Partnership) Steering Group

SPARK Steering Group member (Wakefield)

SPARK – Youth Voice Working Group (Wakefield)

Wakefield Arts Partnership (Wakefield)

Music Hub Partne3r Network (Wakefield)

WMEH - Wakefield Music Strategic Overview Group (Wakefield)
YSI (Yorkshire Sculpture International)

Art Walk Wakefield

WordFest

Ridings Shopping Centre

Long Division (PG)

Wakefield Theatre Royal – (Memorandum of agreement) (MD)

Arthouse (Memorandum of agreement)

Tileyard Education (Memorandum of agreement)

Connected Campus - for Colleges (Screen Yorkshire)

Dream Time Creative

Actual Size Theatre

DAZL – Dance Action Zone Leeds

TrinityX Dance Team

Wakefield Bid

Backstage Academy

Wakefield Council: Community & Family Learning

- Festivals and Major Events
- Children and Young People
- Wakefield Adult Education

Mediale

FRSA Arts Consultant Hazel Colquhoun, Selby Council linked with Selby Gateway Project

Automotive Curriculum

This list is in the process of being finalised

Business, Travel & Tourism & Professional Programmes Curriculum

City & Guilds/T Level Management & Administration – Provider Review

We are Wakefield Business Forum

West Yorkshire Tourism Consortium

Business - Working in partnership with:

- Wakefield District Housing
- Sewtec
- Conservatory Outlet
- Eat Out Roundabout
- Riverside Cards
- Northern Media

Travel & Tourism- Working in partnership with:

- Jet 2
- Hepworth
- York Dungeon
- Bright Learning (Tour Operators)
- Candid Training

Catering, Hair & Beauty, Horticulture & Animal Care Curriculum

Eco-Educator Forum

T Level Forum for Catering

Royal Veterinary College partnership

Working with Swithen's Farm

Working in partnership with Ponderosa Zoo

ABLE Scholarship Programme

Elemis training

Partnership with the Devonshire Arms at Bolton Abbey

Computing & Digital Curriculum

Digital Technologies Network (Bimonthly Steering Group - through Hull University).

West Yorkshire Colleges Consortium Collaborative Skills Partnership for Digital (Monthly Meetings).

Registered with the UKIE Video Game Ambassadors Portal (direct employer engagement through the posting of online tenders).

Construction Curriculum		
<p>British Association of Construction Heads (BACH)</p> <p>Employer forum for Construction with circa 16 organisations – Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA)</p>		
Childcare / Early Years Curriculum		
<i>This list is in the process of being finalised</i>		
Engineering Curriculum		
<p>A member of the Institute of Technology ((IoT) in North Yorkshire</p> <p><i>This list is in the process of being finalised</i></p>		
English & Maths Curriculum		
<i>This list is in the process of being finalised</i>		
ESOL Curriculum		
<p>NATECLA ESOL Y&H Regional Committee</p> <p>ETF ESOL Blended Learning</p> <p>ENGIE – Wakefield</p> <p>Hepworth Gallery – Art project</p> <p>History Centre - Wakefield</p> <p>Art Studio - Wakefield</p> <p>Migration Yorkshire and Wakefield Council – ESOL Network</p> <p>MESH/LEYH – Yorkshire&Humber</p> <p>City of Sanctuary – Wakefield (College of Sanctuary application)</p>		
	Alternative Curriculum	
<p>The Prince's Trust Delivery Manager's Group</p> <p>Samaritans and NEXTGen deliver their 'Bloom' programme to VIP L2 students focusing on resilience</p> <p>Young Lives Consortium and Spectrum Health working with L1 VIP on resilience and anxiety strategies for young people</p>		
Sport & Public Services Curriculum		
<p>Education partnership with Wakefield Trinity</p>		

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