

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer North West Community Committee
Adel and Wharfedale, Guiseley and Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley
and Yeadon

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For recommendation / to note

Outer North West Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Updates by theme:

Children and Families: Councillor Billy Flynn

3. The Outer North West Children and Families sub group met with applicants in person and recommended 5 projects for approval. The Sub group are meeting on Wednesday 7th September and will start planning for the Youth Summit in March 2023.

Environment and Community Safety: Councillor: Barry Anderson

- The Outer North West Environmental sub Group is taking place on Friday 9th September 2022 and the Community Safety Sub Group is taking place on Wednesday 5th October 2022.

Transport- Cllr Wadsworth

- The Transport sub group met on Friday 26th August 2022.

Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care: Councillor Caroline Anderson

- The Health sub group met on Thursday 28th July 2022.

- Employment and Skills update: Councillor Ryk Downes

Employment and Skills update

Universal Credit

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of June 2022, in the Outer North West Community Committee area is 2,013. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (121%), the number of claimants remains high and is slowly decreasing. There is a small decrease of 5 claimants in June 2022 on the previous month.

The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Outer North West Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs							
	March 2020		June 2020		May 2022		June 2022	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,636	8.2%	41,509	8.0%	41,548	8.0%
Outer North West	1,080	2.1%	2,386	4.7%	2,018	4.0%	2,013	4.0%
Adel & Wharfedale	257	2.3%	544	4.9%	502	4.6%	505	4.6%
Guiseley & Rawdon	207	1.5%	519	3.8%	395	2.9%	390	2.9%
Horsforth	268	2.0%	576	4.3%	463	3.4%	466	3.5%
Otley & Yeadon	348	2.7%	747	5.9%	658	5.2%	652	5.1%

**Rate shows the number of claimants not in employment as a percentage of the working age population*

Employment and Skills Services

The table below shows the number of people supported by the Service from the Outer North West Community Committee area and by ward

Accessing Services	Into Work	Improved Skills
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	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)
Outer North West	414	435	98	136	184	137
Adel & Wharfedale	135	145	32	35	72	43
Guiselley & Rawdon	65	71	16	30	18	18
Horsforth	125	139	27	36	58	55
Otley & Yeadon	89	80	23	35	36	21

The Covid pandemic and restrictions have had an impact on both reporting years (2020/21 and 2021/22) making a comparison year on year very difficult. Even though there is some progress with re engagement and access to programmes and activities it is still less than pre Covid.

During April 2021 – March 2022

- 11,818 people accessed the Service, 435 of whom were from the Outer North West.
- Supported 3,473 people into work, 136 of whom were residents from the Outer North West. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution, and transport.
- Supported 2,485 people to improve their skills, 137 of whom were from the Outer North West.

Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops that provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents. Employment Hub Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to Leeds residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market.

The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within 10 Jobcentres Plus across the City. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face to face appointments which include City Centre and Hawskworth Community Hubs.

The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobsfairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships and courses. Please link to our accounts:

Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships and courses. To subscribe please visit: <https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>

For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>

Future Talent Leeds is launching on Thursday 8th September 2022. It is a website which brings businesses, education and skills providers and organisations together to strive for a

city where everybody can thrive in a rapidly changing labour market. The website contains the Future Talent Plan, which sets out our ambitions for Leeds around supporting our people and businesses as well as aligning the city's education and training infrastructure. It displays the range of partners which have signed up to the plan, showing what organisations are doing to improve talent and skills in Leeds over the next few years. Organisations are encouraged to use the website to sign up to the plan and pledge their own actions which will be published alongside each other. Also available on the website is live news, case studies and resources for organisations to make use of. The website will be live from 8th September: <https://inclusivegrowthleeds.com/future-talent-plan>

The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning through an online platform in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models to include online, face to face and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.

Between September 2021 – July 2022, in the Outer North West, 11 courses were delivered at 5 venues. 135 residents have completed a course. In addition, there were 149 courses delivered on-line, city wide. From September 2022, there will be a range of online and face to face courses available at community venues, for further information please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk/>

Developing You Learning Disabilities, a pre-employability programme between Employment and Skills, Pyramid of Arts, People Matters and United Response includes work readiness and health and wellbeing. The course is delivered face to face at Thackray Medical Museum.

Between April 2021 – March 2022, 256 new businesses were supported to recruit new staff, provide support for staff facing redundancy and developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.

- Health and Care Sector
The Healthier Working Futures project that was funded through the UK Community Renewal Fund that focused on unemployed / economically inactive young adults (aged 16-25) to raise awareness of the health and care pathway through engagement programmes and taster days delivered by 3rd sector organisations. This was a 6-month project that concluded at the end of June and engaged with 625 young people.
- Construction Sector
A new programme, Construction Ready aimed at getting people into opportunities in construction. The 10-day programme took place 4 - 15 July 2022 at Leeds City College Printworks campus. Planning is taking place for further programmes to be delivered.
- Hospitality Sector
The Restaurant Ready programme, a 5-day course, aims to upskill individuals to successfully enter the hospitality sector through providing practical experience within Leeds City College's café and restaurant facilities. The programme provides an opportunity for participants to be signposted to work trials and interviews with employers. Planning is taking place for a sixth cohort to be delivered 12 – 16 September 2022.
- Economies for Healthier Lives

The council was successful for applying for funding from the Health Foundation as part of their Economies for Healthier Lives programme, which has funded four places in the UK to undertake projects that can demonstrate how economic interventions can help to address health inequalities in disadvantaged communities. The Leeds project, Good Jobs, Better Health, Fairer Futures, aims to strengthen connections between the Leeds Inclusive Anchors Network of large civic institutions (including the council, NHS Trusts, universities and colleges, and utilities) and the city's most disadvantaged communities through economic measures such as quality jobs, skills development or the creation of new businesses.

Events

SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Next Choices event took place at Leeds First Direct Arena on 23rd June 2022. This was the first time a city-wide event aimed at supporting young people who have special educational needs and disabilities has taken place. A total of 66 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, Apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities and wider support and 1,800 young people attended.

Jobsfair took place on Thursday 18th August 2022 in the City Centre Community Hub. A range of vacancies and opportunities were promoted with Leeds City Council, the Army, Plusnet, Aspire Healthcare, and First Direct. Jobshop staff were in attendance to support people with CVs and job applications. Information was also available from training providers, such as Prince's Trust, Scope, Get Technology Together, and Jobcentre Plus for those wanting to improve their skills.

Leeds Digital Careers Festival a week-long festival and recruitment event will be held between 12 –16 September 2022 and will be aimed at those new to the digital sector, eager to find a job or training opportunities in the wide range of digital technology organisations which the city has to offer.. An event will be held at Leeds First Direct Arena on 15th September 2022, to book please visit: <https://leedsdigitalcareersfestival2022>

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Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF) will take place 14-18 November 2022 which will showcase opportunities within the creative and culture sector, with the main event at the First Direct Arena on the 17th November 2022. The LCSF is aimed at young people aged 16-24 to encourage take up from school leavers and graduates to retain talent in the city. There will be a range of activities and events from educational engagement activities, visits and site tours, work experience opportunities to support to the sector on how to recruit a diverse workforce and Apprentices, information about self-employment and freelancing and Q&A panel session(s). A booking link will be published and promoted nearer the time.

Health & Wellbeing update-

WINTER FRIENDS TRAINING AND INFORMATION-LOOKING OUT FOR OTHERS INITIATIVE.

Message from Micheal Budd-Offer for any Winter Wellbeing Events you may be holding. In advance of the colder months to say that Winter Friends will be launching again this winter 22/23 and would love to attend some winter events. This year, more than ever, with the cost-of-living crisis means that so many people will be left isolated and vulnerable and Winter Friends would like to be there to help. If you know of any winter/health/wellbeing/community-related events or have any future in yourself, please do keep us in mind and drop us a little note. We can bring helpful resources and 'Okko' the Owl mascot too. Thank you so much in advance (back to the last few weeks of summer - enjoy!)

Best wishes,
Michelle Budd
Community Engagement Manager
07739 635458

FREE THERAPY SESSIONS FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR OTHERS.

There are six free therapy sessions on offer with the possibility of another six free sessions after consultation with the client and therapist if you are experiencing feeling difficult to cope with after caring for others during the Covid-19 epidemic. There is also a opportunity to have an initial informal wellbeing 'chat' with a counsellor if you are unsure.

Here is a link to our at-a-glance page which contains links to all of our offers
<https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/get-support>

The main Hub page is here <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/> - this also hosts a little animation which explains the Hub.

The key messages are these:

- If you work in a health and care organisation, or care for others, have volunteered during the Covid-19 pandemic or work for a third sector organisation active and again

looking after others during the coronavirus epidemic. in West Yorkshire and are experiencing feelings that are difficult to cope with, our mental health workers are here to support you now and find the extra help that is right for you.

- The service is completely free and confidential, wherever you work, and offers advice and support that can help with a range of issues. The Hub is for everyone – including volunteers.
- The staff support line operates every day, 8am-8pm and is staffed by trained listeners. Call free on 0808 196 3833.
- You can self-refer for one-to-one therapy. Referrals are actioned within one working day and a first appointment will be offered for within a week. This is our self-referral page <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/self-referral>

The following 'Want To Know More About...' webinars are now available to book:

Tuberculosis - not a disease of the past

Thursday 22 September 2022, 1pm to 2pm

Booking for these webinars is via Eventbrite.

To book a place – please visit the Leeds Public Health Training webpage

Working with and supporting sex workers in Leeds

Thursday 29 September 2022, 10am to 11:30am

Sepsis

Thursday 6 October 2022, 10am to 11.30am

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/phrc/public-health-training/want-to-know-more-sessions>

where you will find full details of the sessions and the Eventbrite booking links.

Please feel free share this information with colleagues and amongst your professional
If you would like to be kept informed of future training opportunities offered by the Leeds Public Health team, subscribe to receive the Public Health Resource Centre newsletter
Cancellations

If you are no longer able to attend an event you have booked, but have an Eventbrite account and are able to cancel your own ticket, please do so. If you don't have an Eventbrite account and need us to cancel the ticket for you, please email us at phforall@leeds.gov.uk at least 48 hours in advance of the event so that we can release your ticket. The events are free, but we reserve the right to impose a charge of £30 where delegates do not attend and have not informed us of their cancellation.

Thanks, and we look forward to welcoming you to the training,

Kind regards,

Leeds Public Health Training team Leeds City Council

E: PHforall@leeds.gov.uk

Community Engagement: Social Media

7. **Appendix 2 Social Media Report** provides the Committee with information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer North West Community Committee Facebook page, along with the three ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages for the area.
8. The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period of time.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

9. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information detailed within the report.

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

10. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

Council Polices and City Priorities

11. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:
 1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
 2. Best City Plan
 3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
 4. Children and Young People's Plan
 5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
 6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

12. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

13. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

Risk Management

14. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants are able to deliver the intended benefits.

Conclusions

15. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

Recommendations

16. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

17. None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.