

Report of:	Head of Locality Partnerships	
Report to:	Outer North West Community Committee (Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth, Otley and Yeadon)	
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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.
3. To be noted that as the last Outer North West Community Committee meeting took place on the 30th January 2023, just over 4 weeks ago, the information contained with the Update Report is very limited.

Updates by theme

Children and Families: Champion, Councillor Billy Flynn

1. A Children & Families Sub Group took place on Thursday 26th March 2023, to discuss preparations for the Outer North West Community Committee Youth Summit. The event will happen on Friday 24th March 2023 and will be the first Youth Summit event since February 2020.

Environment and Community Safety: Champion, Councillor Barry Anderson

2. A Sub Group will be booked in before the date of the next Community Committee meeting. A further update will therefore be provided for the next meeting.

Transport: Champion, Cllr Paul Wadsworth

3. A Sub Group will be booked in before the date of the next Community Committee meeting. A further update will therefore be provided for the next meeting.

Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care: Champion, Councillor Caroline Anderson

4. A Sub Group took place on Monday 6th February 2023. A further sub group meeting will be booked in before the date of the next Community Committee meeting.

Employment and Skills: Councillor Ryk Downes

5. A Sub Group will be booked in before the date of the next Community Committee meeting. A further update will therefore be provided for the next meeting.

Employment and Skills Service Update

Universal Credit

6. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2022, in the Outer North West Community Committee area is 2,150. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (121%), the number of claimants remains high and continues to increase. There is an increase of 67 claimants in October 2022 on the previous month.
7. 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		September 2022		October 2022	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,636	8.2%	42,762	8.4%	43,819	8.2%
Outer North West	1,080	2.1%	2,386	4.7%	2,083	4.1%	2,150	4.2%
Adel & Wharfedale	257	2.3%	544	4.9%	525	4.8%	537	4.9%
Guiseley & Rawdon	207	1.5%	519	3.8%	422	3.1%	457	3.3%
Horsforth	268	2.0%	576	4.3%	467	3.5%	469	3.5%
Otley & Yeadon	348	2.7%	747	5.9%	669	5.3%	687	5.4%

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

Employment and Skills Services

8. 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	
	2021/22 (Apr – Sep)	2022/23 (Apr – Sep)	2021/22 (Apr – Sep)	2022/23 (Apr – Sep)	2021/22 (Apr – Sep)	2022/23 (Apr – Sep)
Outer North West	229	347	59	52	76	104
Adel & Wharfedale	81	135	17	16	24	37
Guiseley & Rawdon	32	50	9	14	9	13
Horsforth	74	90	17	10	29	34
Otley & Yeadon	42	72	16	12	14	20

April 2022 – September 2022

9. 8,359 people accessed the Employment & Skills Service, 347 of whom were residents from the Outer North West Community Committee area.
10. The service supported 1,462 people into work, 52 of whom were residents from the Outer North West. Customers were supported into work across all sectors, with the largest numbers in the arts, entertainment, recreation, construction, health and social care, ICT, digital and communications.
11. The service also supported 2,149 people to improve their skills, 104 of whom were from the Outer North West Community Committee area.

Leeds Employment Hub

12. Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops which provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents.
13. 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 the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city.
14. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face to face appointments which includes City Centre and Hawksworth Community Hubs, however there are also the following pop up Jobshops in the Outer North West area at:
- Horsforth Community Hub, Town Street, Tues (every 2 weeks) 9am – 5pm
 - Yeadon Community Hub, Town Hall Square, Weds (every 2 weeks) 9am – 5pm
 - Otley Community Hub, Nelson Street, Thurs (every 2 weeks) 9am – 5pm
 - Holt Park Community Hub, Holtdale Approach, Fri 9am – 5pm
15. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobfairs, job vacancies, apprenticeships and courses. Please see links below to their various accounts:

- Opportunities in Leeds: a weekly email service featuring live jobs, apprenticeships and courses: <https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>
- Further information on Employment and Skills and support available: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>

16. Jobsfairs are planned to recruit for a range of posts within Leeds City Council at the following Community Hubs:

- City Centre Community Hub, Merrion House, Weds 25th January 2023
- Armley Community Hub, Armley, Fri 3rd February 2023
- Dewsbury Road Community Hub, Dewsbury Road, Thurs 9th February 2023
- Compton Centre Community Hub, Harehills, Thurs 16th February 2023

Adult Learning Programme

17. The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners.

18. Courses were delivered through a range of models which include face to face, online and distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop confidence.

19. Between September 2022 and December 2022, the 2 courses were delivered at 2 venues, with 99 residents starting a course. In addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line.

20. For the Academic Year 2022/23 in the Outer North West Community Committee area, 7 courses, including English and ESOL are planned at 4 different venues. 36 courses are also planned for online delivery.

Festivals/Events

21. A Financial Inclusion Event took place on 7th September 2022 on the Mobile Community Bus at Wykebeck Valley Primary School and at Lidl in Gipton. The event aimed to help local residents maximise their income and assist in managing their debts and utilities. Housing Leeds, Yorkshire Water, Credit Union, Employment and Skills and Jobshop staff were present and supported residents accessing the event.

22. **Leeds Digital Careers Festival 2022** took place between the 12th – 16th September 2022, with support from Leeds based employers. Workshop sessions were delivered within the Priority Neighbourhoods at Community Hubs and Leeds City College, which connected people with live digital opportunities, information and guidance, with approximately 100 people attending the event. Presentations were also held at 12 schools across the city, to 1269 young people from years 10, 11 and post 16. A careers event was held at Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 15th September 2022, with 51 digital employers and training providers participating, where approximately 1700 people attended.

23. **Leeds Creative Skills Festival**, a weeklong festival of activities took place 14th – 18th November 2022, with a Creative Skills Showcase Event held at the Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 17th November 2022. The event, sponsored by Channel 4, 4Skills and Leeds City College, aimed to inspire young people to consider a career in creative skills and provided a platform for industry experts to deliver presentations and take part in topical panel discussions. A total of 63 employers, training providers and SEND support participated at the event, where 2,200 people attended. Artforms Leeds, Leeds 2023, Grand Futures Leeds and Leeds Cultural Education Partnership attended the event as Friends of the Festival.
24. **Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair** took place on Monday 6th February 2023, to mark the start of National Apprenticeship Week. 97 employers and training providers have booked to exhibit. Publicity for the fair commenced in January 2023 and included a mailing to parents of Leeds young people in years 10 - 13 and the NEET cohort. A series of sessions have been offered to secondary schools and colleges to help prepare students to get the most from the event. For further information please visit: [Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair](#)
25. **A Celebration of Learning Festival** took place on the 16th February 2023 at the Carriageworks, for adult learners (and their children), to recognise everything they have been through during the last 2 years, including personal achievements and home-schooling.

Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers

26. **Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers** focuses on narrowing inequalities, taking the strengths and limitations of the Lincoln Green Employability Project, expanded to a one system approach across the sector, adapting recruitment methods and building on the good practice models in the system.
27. The programme aims to engage with, recruit and develop a diverse workforce from disadvantaged or underrepresented communities in Leeds, to improve access to long term career opportunities, work experience, volunteering, education and training in the sector.
28. Since September 2022, 169 people have attended the assessment sessions. 41 have achieved a qualification and 35 people have been supported into work. 38 people are being supported to improve functional skills to achieve the required level to move into employment within the sector.
29. For further information and please visit: [Leeds Health and Care](#)

Planned Events

30. **Reducing Re-Offending**, in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority is planned for spring 2023, to support the children of current serving prisoners at HMP Wealstun, aiming to raise employment and education aspiration levels of the children attending. A Construction Event (w/c 23rd January 2023) will be held at HMP Leeds aiming to encourage employers to engage in recruiting prison leavers and to increase the number of prison leavers offered employment in the construction industry.

31. **SEND Next Choices**, getting ready for adult life event will take place on Thursday 29th June 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. Young people who have special educational needs and disabilities will be able to attend with their teachers, parents and carers and find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, support agencies and benefits available in Leeds. For further information and to book please visit: [Getting Ready for Adult Life](#)
32. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>
33. Employment and Skills and Leeds City College have partnered to create a questionnaire, which will help to shape activities and information sessions to benefit the local communities, focusing on employment and skills. For further information please visit: [Community Activity Survey 2023](#)

Update from Key Services

LEEDS 2023

34. The LEEDS 2023 year of Culture was launched at “The Awakening” Event held at Headingley Stadium on 7th January 2023, attracting national and worldwide media attention. The programme for the first season of the year has been announced, with seasons 2 and 3 to be announced later in the year: <https://leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on>

Projects in Communities

35. The signature event **MY LEEDS 2023**, funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, involves the appointment of a Neighbourhood Host for each ward. The Neighbourhood Hosts are participating in a paid training scheme during which they will:
 - Develop their skills in community engagement & event management
 - Design and deliver a community grants scheme
 - Collaborate with their community and co-create activity across the summer
 - Acts as a community ambassador, creating opportunities for people to engage
36. Neighbourhood Hosts are currently working for 4 hours a week, which includes their time spent in training. The Neighbourhood Host Scheme has been designed to increase the capacity for hyper-local community engagement in each of the wards and to create opportunities for people across the city to participate in activity as part of the Year of Culture.
37. Each host is supported by an Anchor Organisation, an organisation based in their ward/a nearby ward, providing mentoring and guidance along the way. Elected Members are invited to support the Neighbourhood Hosts and their community by:
 - Sharing with the Neighbourhood Host their knowledge of the ward and experience of engaging with communities
 - Sharing possible opportunities for engagement with Elected Members
 - Making introductions, where appropriate, to members of the community who could further support activity

38. The Neighbourhood Hosts and anchor organisations for the wards in the Outer North West Community Committee area are:

- Adel and Wharfedale: Nicola Brown, supported by OPAL
- Guiseley and Rawdon: Lucy May Phillips, supported by AVSED and Season Well
- Horsforth: Kezia Roberts, supported by Horsforth Community Asset Project
- Otley and Yeadon: Abigail James, supported by Otley Courthouse

39. The **Community Grants Scheme** was launched in early February. Designed collaboratively by the Neighbourhood Hosts, the Community Grants Scheme will support participation in one of the 33 My Leeds activities being produced across the summer.

40. Residents are invited to apply for a community grant via the LEEDS 2023 website. All grant proposals will be considered by a panel of Neighbourhood Hosts and funds allocated accordingly. The grants are open to anyone over 18 with a UK bank account and LEEDS 2023 are hoping to receive a high number of applications from a diverse range of people and organisations. Elected Members' support in sharing the opportunity across their wards would be greatly appreciated.

41. Across season one, LEEDS 2023 are encouraging communities and schools to take part in **Waking the Artist**, a city-wide exhibition of art by people of Leeds. Community groups are invited to take part by making art and creating a display in their local library, community space or window.

42. Communities can lead their own art-making workshops, or are able to book a free facilitator or resource pack to support their engagement. Display labels and more information is available at: <https://leeds2023.co.uk/take-part/waking-the-artist>

Opportunities for Schools

43. Every child and young person of school age in Leeds is getting the chance to take part in the Year of Culture. LEEDS 2023's **Creative Learning Programme** features free activities for learners in all key stages, including classroom resources, facilitated workshops, participatory activities and opportunities for learning outside the classroom.

44. With links to the curriculum, the programme supports teaching across a variety of subject areas and helps learners develop their creativity. Learning resources for schools can be found on the LEEDS 2023 website <https://leeds2023.co.uk/creative-learning>

45. Over 1500 learners and 20 schools engaged through the ballot for The Awakening, including participation in the Leeds Artists Show. Spring term will see over 2300 pupils across 40 schools take part in facilitated workshops, including an interschool slam poetry competition, Common Wealth Theatre, and Leeds Young Film.

46. The following schools have either participated in an activity or are already booked onto an activity in the spring term:

- Pool-in-Wharfedale C of E Primary, Leeds Cultural Heritage
- Ralph Thoresby School, Authors Abroad
- Benton Park School, Authors Abroad
- Rawdon St Peter's, Leeds Artist Show
- St Oswald's C of E Primary, Leeds Cultural Heritage
- Horsforth School, Authors Abroad
- St Margaret's C of E Primary, Leeds Cultural Heritage

47. In addition, LEEDS 2023 are encouraging and enabling schools to take part in **The Wild Escape** in partnership with Leeds Museums & Galleries, which will see children across the city engage with museum collections, learn about conservation and create their own art.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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

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

Risk Management

6. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

9. 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.