

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington,

Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam

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For Information

Lifelong Learning Centre

Purpose of report

1. To provide the Outer East Community Committee with an update on the Lifelong Learning Centre education opportunities available to members of the community.

Main issues

2. The attached information and presentation have been provided to aid discussions between the Lifelong Learning Centre and Members of the Outer East Community Committee.

Recommendations

3. The Community Committee is asked to note the contents and information presented by the representatives from Lifelong Learning Centre.

Education Advice & Guidance



- Thinking about your future?
- Interested in returning to education as an adult?
- Looking for flexible education opportunities to fit around your commitments?

Get **FREE** confidential and impartial advice and guidance from the Lifelong Learning Centre!

Choose an option that works for you:

Face to face



Telephone call



Video chat





Do you want to know more about...

- Studying at university as a mature student?
- The different pathways to a degree and what your next steps could be?
- The financial support available to help you study?

We offer advice on...

- How a degree could help your career
- Choosing the right course for you
- Making a successful application



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The Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds

<https://www.leeds.ac.uk/lifelong-learning>



The Lifelong Learning Centre

- **The Lifelong Learning Centre is a multi-disciplinary School offering undergraduate courses, and a specialist service supporting mature and part-time learners across the University of Leeds.**
- **Our courses encourage and support student diversity, focusing on students from under-represented groups/those without traditional qualifications.**
- **We support current and prospective mature, part-time and Foundation level students, and apprentices.**
- **The Communities and Partnerships team works with community organisations and education providers in areas of low participation in HE in Leeds and West Yorkshire, to create opportunities for adults to access HE.**

Community engagement aims: widen opportunities for adults to access higher education & make informed choices

What we do:

- Offer positive messages about the benefits of further and higher education
- Bust myths around higher education for adults e.g. finance, entry qualifications
- Provide role models for adults from under-represented groups in HE
- Impartial information advice and guidance for adults without degrees

How we do it:

- Community engagement approach: long term & sustainable, aiming to support the communities we work with

Where:

- Areas of low participation in Leeds and Wakefield

Key Messages for adults

- You can go to university at any age/stage in your life
- Universities and colleges welcome adult students from diverse and backgrounds
- Life experience counts
- No 'standard' route for an adult to get into higher education; depends on individual experience and qualifications
- Finding out about the finance is crucial



Community-engaged learning through negotiated outreach



- Negotiated taster sessions on topic useful & relevant to group.
- Talks to workers on pathways into HE for adults.
- Visits to the university made accessible through help with travel, include lunch & childcare support where possible.
- Support community/adult learning organisations where possible through university volunteers & research

Advice and guidance for adults

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Free, impartial, one-to-one appointments.

A specialist guidance officer can give information on:

- routes into higher education
- financial support
- different course choices
- how to apply



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Informal drop-ins and general information events at university for adults

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PATHS INTO EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Spark something in yourself, Summer and Autumn 2023!



The Lifelong Learning Centre (LLC) is both a teaching school running undergraduate courses, and a specialist service supporting mature and part-time learners across the University of Leeds.

We deliver courses that encourage and support student diversity, with a focus on students who are from under-represented groups or who don't have 'traditional' qualifications.

Turn over for for more info 

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GETTING INTO UNIVERSITY

On Campus
Application & Personal Statement Workshop



Tuesday 14th November
6:00PM - 7:30PM



Jumpstart taster course for Adults

Runs every October and February: next course 7th February, 5-7pm

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JUMPSTART

- Next course 11 Oct 2023

JumpStart is a **short, free course** aimed at adult learners who are thinking about whether university might be an option for them.

- A fun and immersive experience of learning within a Higher Education setting
- Meet other adult learners with similar interests
- Discuss your options with tutors
- Make an informed decision about Higher Education



"It's been really great and has helped me a lot. I went from wanting to do something more, but not really knowing what and believing I can't do university, to now feeling so much more confident and believing that I can succeed"

JumpStart runs in February and November

SCHEDULE



JumpStart is run on **Wednesday evenings** from **5:00pm - 7:00pm** for the duration of **8 weeks**. There are **2 additional Saturday sessions** within this 8 weeks, making it **10 sessions** in total.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
We usually expect students to be working towards or have achieved GCSE English and Maths at grade C/4 or above. We also greatly value life skills and experience and expect learners to show their commitment to the course as places are limited.

WHAT COULD I DO NEXT?
Progression from JumpStart will depend on meeting specific entry requirements for particular courses. Providing that you successfully complete this programme and meet these entry requirements, you may be able to move onto foundation year study in higher education.

SIGN UP NOW

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Linktree* 

8 week course to try out university, on campus. Strength-based approach that builds on life experience and skills:

- Taster sessions & HE information
- Participation from current mature students
- 1:1 support
- Impartial advice & guidance
- Help towards travel costs and learning support

Prepare to study: University of Leeds foundation year pathways

Foundation Years progress into a huge range of degrees at the University of Leeds

Full-time foundation years

- ❖ Science
- ❖ Business
- ❖ Social Sciences *
- ❖ Arts and Humanities

Part-time foundation year

- ❖ Preparation for Higher Education course leading to a degree in the social sciences, arts or healthcare.

*The Social Sciences Foundation Year is run by the School of Sociology at the University of Leeds.



Lifelong Learning Centre Degrees

The Lifelong Learning Centre offers a range of courses designed for adults, including part-time options and flexible entry requirements.

Adult learners' life and work experience is relevant and valued.

Subjects include:

- ❖ Learning and Teaching with SEND
- ❖ Child and Family Studies
- ❖ Business Management and Leadership
- ❖ Professional Studies – a broad, flexible degree for mature students
- ❖ Chartered Manager (Degree) Apprenticeship BSc
- ❖ Nursing Associate Apprenticeship (Foundation Degree)



Student Volunteers

- You can request university volunteers with certain skills.
- Contact for the university's volunteering hub volunteer@leeds.ac.uk.



Any questions?

Feel free to contact:

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LLC social media

- [Facebook](#) (adults can also join our Returning to Study FB Group)
- [Twitter](#) @LeedsUniLLC
- [Instagram](#) leedsunillc
- [YouTube](#) (lots of videos on here with adult students talking about their experiences in education)
- [LinkedIn](#)

[Returning to Study](#) is a **Facebook group** where LLC staff and adults currently studying at Leeds share useful resources for anyone considering returning to education.

It's a forum for asking questions about what university is like as an adult learner and keeping in touch with others in a similar position. Anyone can request to join the group, so feel free to signpost family, friends or any other adults who you know are interested in studying at university!