

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee
(Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay)

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for consideration

Inner North East 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.

Main issues

Updates by theme

Children & Young People: Councillor Mahalia France-Mir

3. Meanwood Youth Project - youth development programme is where young people are supported as leaders and volunteers to make a positive difference in the community, the project began in partnership with InterACT Church and Community Partnership. It has been inspired by similar programmes where young people are given leadership opportunities and are rewarded for their commitment through a range of incentives and awards.
4. The youth provision at Stainbeck United Reform church has been outgrown and staff/volunteers along with the young people from Interact sought funding from the Community Committee and other sources for a mobile cabin. The project has come

to a fruition, on Sunday 26th January the opening ceremony took place where staff /volunteers from Interact invited local dignitaries and councillors at the launch event.





Employment and Skills – Cllr Lisa Martin

Total number claiming Universal Credit (UC)

5. The total number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC), as of November 2024, in the Inner North East Community Committee area is 7,455. This is an increase of 182.0% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 211 claimants on the previous month.

The table below shows the total number of people claiming Universal Credit in Leeds, the Inner North East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		October 2024		November 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	35,450	6.8%	93,609	18.0%	96,239	18.5%
Inner North East	2,644	5.8%	7,244	16.0%	7,455	16.4%
Chapel Allerton	1,439	8.6%	3,823	22.8%	3,956	23.6%
Moortown	531	3.7%	1,581	11.1%	1,621	11.4%
Roundhay	674	4.7%	1,840	12.8%	1,878	13.1%

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

Universal Credit (Not in Employment)

6. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2024, in the Inner North East Community Committee area is 4,759. This is an increase of 162.3% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 101 claimants on the previous month.

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

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		September 2024		October 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	58,141	11.2%	58,951	11.3%
Inner North East	1,814	4.0%	4,658	10.3%	4,759	10.5%
Chapel Allerton	1,019	6.1%	2,467	14.7%	2,530	15.1%
Moortown	355	2.5%	983	6.9%	1,014	7.1%
Roundhay	440	3.1%	1,208	8.4%	1,215	8.5%

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Employment and Skills (E&S) Activities and Provision

The table below shows the number of people supported by the E&S Service from Leeds, the Inner North East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2024/2025 5 (Apr – Sep)	2023/2024 4 (Apr – Sep)	2024/2025 5 (Apr – Sep)	2023/2024 4 (Apr – Sep)	2024/2025 5 (Apr – Sep)	2023/2024 4 (Apr – Sep)
Leeds	6,281	6,883	1,209	1,790	1,931	1,928
Inner North East	506	586	77	132	160	184
Chapel Allerton	288	332	43	77	89	91
Moortown	97	121	15	25	32	52
Roundhay	121	133	19	30	39	41

During April to September 2024:

- 6,281 people accessed the Service, 506 of whom were residents from the Inner North East.
- Supported 1,209 people into work, 77 of whom were residents from the Inner North East. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in Entertainment & Recreation, Education, Professional Services, Business, Legal & Scientific, Digital, Health & Care.
- Supported 1,931 people to improve their skills, 160 of whom were residents from the Inner North East.

Leeds Employment Hub

7. 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. 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.
8. All Jobshops are open 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which include Reginald and City Centre Community Hubs.

Community Learning

9. Community Learning provision continues to deliver an effective, broad and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models which includes face to face within a community setting, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.

10. Between April – September 2024, 2,569 people started an Adult Learning course. There were 422 courses delivered at 54 venues, in addition, there were 12 courses delivered on-line. In the Inner North East area, there were 23 courses delivered at 5 venues, and 232 people started a course.
11. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>

Multiply

12. Multiply is the free, government funded, adult maths support programme, part of Levelling Up, Skills for Life. The programme is aimed at helping adults to improve their maths skills and boost their number confidence. E&S are developing and delivering courses and activities through partnerships with community organisations and other partners; to help people use numeracy to manage their money; for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children. Souper Duper cooking on a budget sessions continue to be delivered at Leeds Kirkgate market, and a 'Men's Pie Club sessions took place in November and will be delivered again in February 2025 in collaboration with Zest at Leeds Cookery School.
13. Between April and September 2024, there have been 52 courses delivered at 24 community venues in Leeds, with 235 residents starting a course. In the Inner North East Community Committee area, 2 courses were delivered at 2 venues. 15 residents have started a course.

School and College Engagement

14. There have been engagement events and activities delivered in schools and colleges, including Apprenticeships awareness sessions, careers fairs, mock interview sessions, sector specific talks and employer site visits. Between April and September 2024, there have been 44 School and College activities across the city supporting 3,388 young people, 392 parents and carers, and 141 teachers. Of these, 6 events have taken place within the east of the city engaging with 545 young people, 120 parents and carers, 22 teachers.

Community Engagement

15. Engagement with a number of community organisations within the area to raise awareness and provide information and advice on the employability and skills support available, job opportunities and a point of contact for referrals for one to one support and access to skills delivery. Exploring bespoke skills provision with organisations to meet an identified need. Between April and September 2024, there have been 83 Community Engagement events across the city

supporting 7,221 people, of these 17 events have taken place within the east of the city engaging with 191 people.

Delivered events between July to December 2024

- **Connecting Communities to Health & Care Careers/We Care Academy 33** Information / Assessment Sessions, with 242 people attending, of whom 89 started a Health & Care Employability Programme, 91 were supported to apply for Apprenticeships, 30 referred to improve skills in Maths and/or English to support to progress into a future employability programme. During this period 24 people started work. The sessions supported recruitment to Primary Care Navigator, Dental, Procurement, Cleaning, Science Manufacturing Technician and Trainee Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeships and social care roles.
- **HMP Prison Wealstun**, E&S advisors provided support on 5th September 2024 to prisoners who were released through the Early Leavers Scheme to equip participants with knowledge about available employment resources including Leeds Employment Hub, Jobshops and other services accessed via Community Hubs.
- **Home Bargains Recruitment Event** at City Centre Community Hub was held in August.
- **Scap Recruitment Information** sessions were held 25th July and 1st August 2024 at the City Centre Community Hub aimed at filling various roles, including Housekeepers, Night Porters, Maintenance Operatives, and Receptionists.
- **Digital Clinic: Elevate Your Career with WILD**, took place on 18th September 2024 at the KPMG City Offices, about the digital opportunities in Leeds.
- **Leeds Digital Careers Fair** held for its third successive year on 24th September 2024 at the Leeds First Direct Arena, attracting 56 organisations and 4,200 visitors. The event featured interactive sessions, insightful talks from industry leaders, and opportunities to connect with some of the biggest digital and tech organisations in Leeds. The event is a vital platform for exhibitors to engage with potential talent, showcase their companies, and identify future talent in the digital landscape.
- **SEND Careers Fair** was held on 22nd November 2024 at Leeds City Museum. Promoted the E&S Business Support offer, Apprenticeships and upcoming events.
- **Tech Careers Launchpad “Getting Hired in Tech”** held on 18th September 2024 at the AND Digital offices in the Leeds City Centre.
- **Tech Careers Launchpad** held on 28th November 2024 with Northcoders. It was the fourth event in the "Progressing in Tech" series and included a presentation, panel session, and networking opportunities.
- **Jobshop Recruitment Events** hosted 3 recruitment events and a Learning Provider event at City Centre Community Hub between October – December 2024.
- **DWP Events** held at City Centre Community Hub aimed at older people improving their health and skills and finding employment, E&S attended to promote the enhanced support offer, Apprenticeships and events. Employers attending the Jobs Fairs included various Leeds City Council departments: Security, Cleaning, Leeds Building Services and Children’s Centre Services, plus some external care companies and training providers.
- **Leeds Creative Skills Festival** returned for its third year on Monday 18th November 2024. Held at the Royal Armouries, the event showcased the vibrant creative and cultural scene in Leeds. The event offered a dynamic program with engaging daytime sessions specifically designed for schools and colleges, followed by an evening event open to the public. A total of 2,700 visitors attended,

interacting with 47 exhibitors who showcased the exciting career opportunities available within the creative industries, both in Leeds and beyond.

- **Discovering Apprenticeship Presentations** a series of informative sessions aimed at parents, carers, and young people to provide insights into Apprenticeships. The presentations took place week commencing 2nd December 2024 at the Rose Bowl, Leeds Beckett University, 500 people attended.

Planned Events and Activities

- **The Reginald Centre Community Hub** has a DWP Apprenticeship Event planned in February 2025.
- **Connecting Communities to Health & Care Careers** assessments are planned in line with delivery of the pre-employment courses and pre-screening recruitment needs. Sessions are planned to recruit to Dental, Pharmacy and Clinical roles. Community Learning and Employability Support continue to provide wrap-around support.
- **We Care Academy** Information and Assessment sessions will be delivered monthly at the City Centre Community Hub. These sessions include short pre-employment courses to support recruitment into the care sector. Sessions are planned for February and March 2025.
- **Leeds Apprenticeships Recruitment Fair** planned for 12th February 2025, at Leeds First Direct Arena. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about Apprenticeships and connect with providers and employers from various sectors. Exhibitors will provide Information Advice and Guidance, and details on live Apprenticeship vacancies.
- **The BIG Social Care Event** planned for 26th February 2025 at the Bridge Community Church. Social Care employers will be invited to attend with E&S advisors providing support. Other services will be invited to offer additional support to attendees.
- **Careers in Housing** a 5-week course commencing 3rd March 2025 offers an exciting opportunity for people looking to take their first step into an administration role within Leeds City Council's Housing Department. Information Sessions will be delivered leading up to the course start date.
- **Jobshops, Community Hubs** will be holding Interview Skills Workshops provided by CAF Rail at The Reginald Centre, Dewsbury Road and Armley Community Hubs between January – March 2025. The aim of the sessions is to work with customers around mock interviews, attending interviews and giving advice and feedback to improve customers' confidence when attending job interviews.
- **Launch of the new Tech Careers Launchpad** routes into Tech planned for March 2025. Aimed at exploring some of the routes into tech & digital roles in Leeds including key guest speakers sharing their skills, knowledge, experience and personal journey, information about Apprenticeships, tech academies and bootcamps.

Employer Engagement

16. Between April and September 2024 the Service has supported 236 new businesses including recruiting new staff, providing support for staff facing redundancy, developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.

17. The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter that provides information and resources to support businesses' workforce needs across the city, also including the upcoming sustainability breakfast events, Leeds Inclusive Employers Network and T-Level support. The newsletter will be published every 2 months to approximately 6,000 subscribers. To find out more please visit:

www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com

Further Information

18. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promote events, jobs fairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses. Please link to our accounts: linktr.ee/eandsleeds

Facebook: facebook.com/eandsleeds

X (Twitter): twitter.com/eandsleeds

Instagram: instagram.com/eandsleeds

LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/employment-and-skills-leeds-city-council/

YouTube: youtube.com/@employmentandskills

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

For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit:

employmentskillsleeds.co.uk

Health & Well Being: Councillor Eileen Taylor

Measles update

19. In January 2024 the UK Health Security declared a UK measles incident and we are now seeing a rise in measles cases in Leeds, mainly in unvaccinated children.

20. Measles is a highly infectious disease that can lead to serious complications. You can read about the symptoms on the NHS website. One person can potentially infect 12-18 other unvaccinated people. It is spread by coughing and sneezing.

21. The Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination is the safest and most effective way to protect against measles. This is given as part of the childhood vaccination schedule. In recent years the number of children receiving their vaccination has fallen with some areas of the city having vaccination rates as low as 40%. This means measles can very quickly spread amongst unvaccinated communities leading to a large increase in cases.

22. A reminder of the importance of good general infection prevention and control measures. Hand hygiene is one of the most important ways to reduce the transmission of infections.

Winter wellbeing

23. With the recent snow and cold weather, a reminder that Leeds City Council has a dedicated website which offers support and advice on keeping well over winter.

24. Some groups, such as older people, young children, and people with long term conditions are particularly vulnerable to the effects of cold weather and living in deprivation. In many cases simple preventative action could avoid many of the deaths, illness and injuries associated with the cold.

Campaigns

Seasonal vaccination programme

25. There was an anticipated rise in flu over the festive season, with people being urged to protect themselves this New Year.

26. The public are being reminded that vaccination offers the best protection against serious illness and hospitalisation, particularly for those who are vulnerable or elderly. While the national booking system for flu vaccination closed on 19 December, eligible groups can still book their vaccination through their GP surgery or local pharmacy where available.

[Visit the NHS website](#) for more information.

Covid spring vaccination programme

27. The government has accepted advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) for the spring 2025 Covid vaccination programme.

The following groups will be offered a Covid vaccination:

- adults aged 75 years and over
- residents in a care home for older adults
- individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed

Healthy Livers Leeds

28. January is Love Your Liver awareness month, a campaign that aims to raise awareness of liver disease risk factors and how to keep your liver healthy. Within Leeds a Healthy Livers Leeds campaign is also running, focusing specifically on alcohol-related liver disease.

29. Key messages are as follows: Make a mindful choice for your liver this January. Cutting down on alcohol can lead to lifelong benefits. Make January your month to make a change.

Community Safety: Councillor Sharon Hamilton

30. Total Active Cases for LASBT East = 143

31. Active Cases for Inner North East = 17 - Chapel Allerton = 13, Roundhay = 1, Moortown = 3.

32. Cases by type as follows - Hate x 3, Nuisance x 1, Threats/Actual Violence x 7, Noise x 1, Domestic Abuse x 1

Key Points:

- Chapel Allerton - Housing Caution issued to LCC tenant for racist abuse on Sugar Well Road.
- Roundhay – Strong partnership work by LASBT and the Police in the Gledhow area has markedly reduced youth nuisance in the multi-storey flat.

33. PCSO Thompson and PCSO Cannon from Leeds North East NPT were invited to visit Gledhow Primary School Reception classes. They spoke with all children regarding the role of Police and how Officers and PCSO's help to keep them safe.



Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) – Cllr Jordan Bowden

34. De leafing has now come to an end and continental are no longer with our teams. Any locations that may have been missed, please send in the referrals and the team will endeavour to get these cleansed.
35. INE has been allowed to bring extra resource in to help cover long term sickness and any vacancies within the team starting from this week. Hopefully this should make a difference in the wards.
36. Ongoing issues within the Beckhill Estate, CNT will monitor where possible but will need housing to play their part with the tenants.

Enforcement:

37. Situation around Avenue Crescent to Back Hill Top Place regarding the garages and the waste on the back street. CNT are still dealing with the owners of the garages; a quote has been agreed and accepted so just awaiting a start date for the works to begin.

Housing (Tenant Engagement)

Tenant Engagement

38. A number of citywide surveys have now been completed through 'Commonplace' on a range of subjects. These are available to all residents.
39. Work continues to support groups in the area. Button Hill TARA is probably to be closed at a meeting in February following discussions and meetings which have not so far brought forward anyone to lead the group. Arrangements will be made to hold surgeries at the site to continue engagement.
40. Work also continues to work with all groups in the area including My Community United and third sector organisations

Projects

41. February is to see the first virtual walkabout taking place hosted via Commonplace. Beckhill estate is to be the focus of the event and will run from 3 – 28 February.

The Reginald Centre Community Hub and Library

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Jan 2025

Reginald Centre Community Hub and Library

Scheduled Sessions

Citizens Advice Appointments	Mon 10am - 2pm	DWP Youth Hub	Mon - Fri - 2 staff members caseload of 60
Chapel Town and Harehills Learning Project - Appointments	Tues & Thu	Touchstone Mental Drop In	Alternative Mon 1pm-3pm
Police drop in	Wed 10am - 12pm	Gestational Diabetes Support Group	Wed 10am - 12pm
Story/Rhyme time	Wed 10.30am - 11.30am	Mama's Time to Talk - Parenting Support Group	Wed 2pm - 4pm
Toy Library	Wed 11.30am - 11.30am	Advonet Pop Up	Alternative Thu 1pm - 4pm
BHI Elders Group	Wed 11am to 2pm	Path's ESOL classes	Fridays
Voluntary Action Pop up	Tues- 10am - 12pm 4 weekly		

Armistice memorial and Chapeltown Peace Gathering

Free Community Event with refreshments took place Monday 11th November 2024 at 4pm till 6.30pm. The event was very well attended to commemorate Armistice Day.

Reginald's got Talent

The first "Reginald got Talent" took place 1st November 2024. This went extremely well and was attended by children from diverse communities, barriers and ages between 5-14yrs. The brave and talented contestants entertained us with their amazing performances which included a guitar recital, bollywood dancing, an amazing performance of Barbie Girl, a beautiful poem and much more. Thank you to councillor Dowson for joining us and presenting the winners with their prizes. Looking forward to next years!

Reginald Winter Festival

Reginald Winter Festival took place on the 29.11.2024 from 3pm. We had the mahogany Christmas market with homemade Christmas Cards, Cupcakes, Rasta Claus in the Grotto with a gift for every Child (187 Christmas selection boxes given out and for those who could not have chocolate were gifted with new books), performance by RJC dance and reggae choir and lights switch on by "Reginald Got Talent" winners Brothers Shvets. Christmas creative activities led by librarians. This was an extremely well attended event buy the Community, a great buzz in The Reginald Centre.

Black History Month Celebration

The Reginald Centre has hosted a variety of activities to celebrate Black History Month with an exhibition and interactive trail launching on Tuesday 1st October, the Mahogany Market take over on Saturday 5th October with food, music, entertainment and a visit from the Lord Mayor. Finishing the month, we hosted the Black Health Initiative - Black music festival presents- Reclaiming Rhythm: Voices of the past, melodies for the future. With a photo display and guest singer Issac Malibu. This Centre was very well attended throughout the month with positive feedback received from the local community.

DWP Youth Hub Launch Event

The Youth Hub (YH) launch hosted employers from NHS Admin, NHS Mental Health, West Yorkshire Police, Mitie, Generation Training, Movement to Work and Civil Service Careers as well as providers from Princes Trust, Smartworks, Blue Apple, SCL College and Spear. The event was successful with 60 customers recorded aged 16-24 attending to speak to employers, providers and work coaches. Following the launch, the partnership between the Reginald Centre and the DWP Youth Hub has gone from strength to strength with an attendance rate of 73%, positive feedback from the young people and 4 job outcomes.

Christmas Storytime

Santa Claus visited the Reginald Centre to attend our festive storytime and hand out small gifts. This was enjoyed by all the children who attended.

Ongoing Project Work

Leeds City Council welcome hub for Ukrainian arrivals to Leeds. Working collaboratively with internal and external key stakeholders to offer a warm welcome to Ukrainian refugee arrivals. To date we have greeted 934 new arrivals with 2310 instances of repeat contact.

Events On Site October 2024 to January 2025

09.01.2024 – 17.12.2024 – Bracken Edge weekly visits to the library. 1-3pm during term time. Continuing these visits in 2025.

24.10.24 – Diabetes library walk and talk – Promoting support for those with diabetes and signposting to support resources in the Library.

28.10.24 - Tutti Frutti Club – Half term drama and creative activities for children.

14.11.2024 – Kids Club – 7 attendees

25.11.24 - Homelands jazz performance and short film screening, music written based on people's experience of growing up and living in Chapeltown and Chapel Allerton.

02.12.24 – Climate Action Pop Up, support from Voluntary Action Leeds to raise awareness of ways in which people can be involved in reducing their climate footprint.

20.12.2024 – 06.01.2025 Healthy Holidays Programme including creative activities and off site trips to Lotherton Hall and LSTen.

12.12.2024 – Kids Club - 2 attendees.

Library activity and stats

New Joiners



256 173 adults,
83 children

Books Borrowed



3590

PC sessions booked



2931

Customer services stats



Customer Service Enquiries

1670



Library Enquiries

2728

Jobshop Stats



91
Starts



11
Outcomes



192
Footfall

Jobshop events

Seasonal Gardener recruitment event - **12 attended**

Christmas Lights/Festivity events across the Inner North East area

Switch on events

42. A number of Christmas Lights/Festivity events took place across the INE area. Councillors were invited to attend these events mainly organised by voluntary and community organisations.

Stainbeck Church Christmas Lunch with Interact



Meanwood Christmas Lights Switch On Event



Moortown Christmas Lights Switch On Event



Chapel Allerton Christmas Lights Switch On Event



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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

44. 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

45. 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:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
- Best City Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

46. 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

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

51. 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.