



# Learning and Leisure Learning



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## Main responsibilities:

### YOUTH SERVICES

- To provide, in partnership with voluntary youth work organisations, a range of programmes and initiatives across the City designed to contribute to young people's social inclusion, personal development and lifelong learning.
- To provide a universal range of youth work opportunities for a priority age range of 13 to 19 and to offer additional targeted provision for young people according to particular needs presented.
- To engage young people in all aspects of shaping, delivering and evaluating services.
- To provide a balanced curriculum reflecting the five outcomes of every child matters.
- To play a pivotal role within the wider context of youth support services and particularly in respect of Connexions.

### EARLY YEARS SERVICES

- To provide high quality early education and childcare in 23 Children's Centres and 12 Early Years Centres. In addition there are 3 Family Resource Centres which offer family support services. Approximately 1500 pre school places and 500 out of school places are available. The Service gives priority to children in need and to parents entering training and employment.
- To promote high quality, integrated services through the development of children centres in each of the wards of social disadvantage.
- To provide training, advice, support and development work on early education and childcare across all sectors through the Early Years Development Team.
- To convene the Sure Start Partnership (SSP) which is charged with improving the quality of early education and childcare across all sectors and increasing the number of childcare and out of school places for families. Also to provide with the SSP a comprehensive Childcare Information Service for parents across the City.

### JOBS AND SKILLS

- Aims to assist local people to find and retain employment supported by the provision of high quality learning and skills, and to provide further education and work-based learning opportunities for all through adult and community learning programmes in partnership with employers and colleges.
- Operates from five centres across Leeds which deliver a whole range of learning programmes for adults and young people. Provision is targeted at the Council's priority groups, including those in receipt of work-related, incapacity and lone parent benefits, as well as young people aged 14-19 who require additional support.
- The service makes a major contribution to Narrowing the Gap and enables the council to meet its key performance indicators relating to the recruitment of workless people.



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## **Budget highlights 2007/08:**

### **YOUTH SERVICES**

The budget for 2007/08 provides for the continuation of the Out of School Activities programme, in partnership with summer Breeze events, the addition of Neighbourhood Support Fund and Youth Opportunities Fund.

### **EARLY YEARS SERVICES**

Early Years propose to create an additional 26 Children's Centres by March 2008. The Service has been successful in bidding to pilot providing 7½ hours of free nursery education for up to 750 2 year old children, and to pilot extending the free nursery education for 3 and 4 year olds from 12½ to 15 hours per week. In addition the Service has been given £275k in 2007/08 (in addition to up to £250k in 2006/07) to pilot a Budget Holding Lead Professional scheme which aims to respond more rapidly to vulnerable families' needs.

### **JOBS AND SKILLS**

Technorth Family Learning Centre extension, funded through Yorkshire Forward and Objective 2 monies, to open early 2007, enabling the expansion of training programmes and making a significant impact in the Harehills area.

A number of successful bids have been made for European Social Fund monies for programmes to run in 2007/08, such as the Women's Training Unit, 4me and 4families, and Building Better Communities.

Continued provision of adult training programmes has been enabled through the Job Start scheme funded through the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.