

LSC Youth Programmes

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Yorkshire and the Humber

Youth Responsiveness Theme

One of the key LSC priorities is to reduce the proportion of young people age 14-19 that are Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET) from 8% by 2010. We aim to increasing the participation of young people by 2.0% in 2007/2008 with continued year on year increases until 2010.

The aim is to increase the proportion of young people who achieve level 2 at 19 by 1.5% between 2006 and 2008. To do this we need to understand and inform young people's aspirations and choices linking these to the labour market and employer demand. We need to ensure that the programmes of learning that we purchase provide opportunities at the right level, in the right subjects with appropriate pathways in and out that promote progression and attainment. The LSC must work with partners to address the social and personal issues which act as barriers to many of the young people who are most likely to be NEET.

The aim of the programme is to assist those at risk of non-completion of statutory learning or at risk of not progressing into further learning. This programme must feed into post 16 provision, Further Education and Work Based Learning and underpin Key Stage 4 achievement and progression.

There is a need to better understand how to engage and retain young people in learning particularly from certain vulnerable groups, for example those with mental health issues, young offenders, learners with learning difficulties and or disabilities, teenage parents and BME groups. In addition there is a recognition that a number of smaller organisations with acknowledged expertise in engaging with young people often need help and support in terms of working within mainstream systems and there may be a need to capacity build these organisations to help maximise the contribution they can make to this agenda

We have established a flexible sub regional programme that adds alternatives to existing support mechanisms and to fund services to support mainstream delivery, achievement and progression. The funds are aimed at activities and interventions that reduce the level of disadvantage faced by young people in the labour market, complementing Local Authority Area strategies and specifically focus on NEET related issues by offering alternative delivery and support methods with the aim of reducing NEET levels.

Youth Programmes are carried out by Fund Managers who deliver these in areas across Yorkshire and Humber.

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