

## **BRIDLINGTON LEARNING AND SKILLS FORUM**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> SEPT 2018 AT 9.30AM AT BRIDLINGTON BUSINESS CENTRE**

**Present:** Jools Thompson – Workers Education Alliance (WEA)  
Melanie Brown – East Riding College  
Adrian Brown – Pure Training Solutions  
Sue Revell – Shaw Trust  
Anne Wright – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Children’s Centre  
Ann Colling – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Children’s Centre  
Rob Warner – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Local Growth Team  
Jeremy Chadwick - Prospects  
Sue Duke – Prospects

**Apologies:** Tomasz Glinski – Refugee Council  
Jan Simpson, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Project Coordinator  
Andy Levitt – Headlands School  
Mike Heslop-Mullens – Bridlington Town Council  
Jane Elsworth-Barker – Aspire Igen  
Sophia White – Christ Church Community Services  
Neil Murray - Activfirst  
Jackie Langley – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Adult Learning  
Fiona Turner – ERVAS  
Vicky Bolton – East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Local Growth Team

#### **1. Minutes of last meeting/matters arising**

Minutes approved as true record.

#### **2. CLLD Programme Update**

CLLD now has 12 projects approved by the executive group with 4 of the projects already started delivery.

These projects include: Activfirst The Hub (ESF), Christ Church Healthy lives (ESF), Northern Regeneration Scarborough Construction Business Network (ERDF Rev) and most recently CavCa Social Enterprise Ambassador

A claims process is now in place and projects are fully paid up to date with most projects claiming monthly from ERYC. The process allows grant applicants to be paid within 1 calendar month to ensure cash flow is not an issue for smaller projects.

It is expected that future calls for projects will be targeted based on the outputs outstanding and funds available. Details on all projects will be posted on the Advantage Coast website - <http://www.advantagecoast.org.uk/>

### 3. **WEA – Jools Thompson**

Jools works for the Workers Educational Association which offers flexible learning to help people to appreciate learning not only for gains but for enjoyment.

The WEA are funded through the ESFA and have a flexible delivery approach where there is a need for their services.

The WEA offers a number of different pathways, starting with some free taster courses of up to 6 hours. Training is free for people on means tested benefits (details in handouts).

There is a limited pot of money to fund childcare if needed but an application needs to be put in to access the learner support fund.

The WEA have local offices in Beverley and Goole that are supported by volunteers, all courses are delivered by qualified teachers minimum Cert Ed qualified.

Work based learning can also be delivered to people in employment. The first step for WEA is to build confidence with the learners, this is done by sharing experiences, regular fun meetings and reassurance.

For more details on the WEA offer please contact Jools on [jthompson@wea.org.uk](mailto:jthompson@wea.org.uk)

### 4. **Partner Updates**

#### **East Riding College**

The College have had a successful enrolment period and are still enrolling new students. They have also had a successful CLLD bid to expand the Clinical skills offer within the college.

In partnership with JCP Bridlington, the college are hoping to run a job fair at the college during February half term. They want to make it a big event and hope to attract large employers and new people.

The college and JCP are looking for a VIP to open the event, either a speaker or local MP.

#### **Job Centre Plus**

Universal credit is in full roll out with 200 people shortly to be moved over to UC, all new claims are now for UC. The roll out has gone well so far with no major issues.

Simon stated the local labour market is quiet as expected at this time of the year.

#### **VSS**

VSS are a Manchester based company offering funded qualifications through the AEB contract for participant's aged 19 plus. They offer sector based qualifications to make participants job ready for their chosen occupation, courses are offered in Business Admin, Warehousing, Health and Social Care and Cleaning. Each course lasts approximately 6 weeks

VSS have a budget for venue hire and refreshments but must have a cohort of 10 learners

to run a course.

### **Education and Skills Partnership**

Chris has now left the partnership and has been replaced by Annie Walker.

There was discussion around the table about creating a Bridlington specific employability passport for participants to work towards.

There is continued expansion of the careers portal working with 14-19 partnership to support schools and colleges.

### **Shaw Trust**

The Work Programme is finishing in March 2019. No new referrals from JCP. Bridlington office still open but limited opening days.

### **Pure Training Solutions**

Business as usual for Pure training Solutions working with ERC and JCP to deliver specific courses. Commercial bookings are busy with lots of upskilling happening within businesses. Pure Training Solutions are now starting to work further afield with learners in Scotland and Wales.

### **Prospects**

Sue and Jez are working in the East Riding with 15-24 year olds taking referrals from JCP, schools and other referral partners. Their provision is funded to March 2019 and can support participants with employability support. The USP of Prospects is they have time to work with participants breaking barriers, raising motivation levels through one to one support and action planning.

### **Children's Centre**

Exciting new build is happening at the Hiderthorpe site. Current timescales is that the centre will open in mid-January

Copies of What's On passed out to partners for information on up and coming events at the children's centres.

### **Cyber Security Workshop Session**

Presentation delivered by Steve Dennison from Humberside Police.

#### 7. **Dates for 2018**

21 November 9.30am

#### 8. **Any Other Business**

None discussed.