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## WELCOME BACK...

Welcome back to our monthly E-Bulletin following our short break in January. We've got a packed edition, celebrating participant success, introducing new staff that have joined us and information about how we're developing links with HE partners to support our adult learners into university.

## PIONEERING LGV TRAINING SUPPORTS INDUSTRY DEMANDS AND PROVIDES CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: BBO CASE STUDY WILL...

Will had a full work history until March 2020, when he left his employment to spend time with his young son who was terminally ill.

Sadly his son died in the Spring and Will was at a loss as to his next step. Will met with a Key Worker from North Lincolnshire Council and they discussed his aspiration to become an LGV Driver. Will wanted a career rather than moving from job to job, he wanted to see a future with a job he could be proud of.

Alongside mental health support offered by the BBO Programme, Will was lucky enough to receive finance



required for the training to enable him to achieve his C-Licence.

Will was immediately offered a full-time job with a local company, DHL Logistics, as a C-Licence Driver. This has allowed him to become financially independent and has impacted positively on his mental health. Will is over the moon and feels that he can now move forward with his life and has a bright future ahead.

Will has now passed his test and is pictured here with his Pass Certificate. Congratulations Will!



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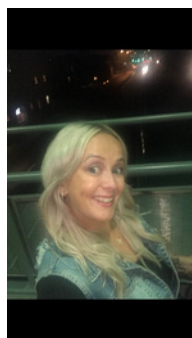


## THIS-ABILITY WELCOMES TWO NEW EMPLOYMENT ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS...

This-Ability welcomes new member to the team: **Gemma Lacey**.

Gemma has previously worked as a SEN teacher and Business Advisor and has a keen passion supporting people into work.

Her main role as an Employment Engagement Officer will involve supporting employers to become Disability Confident, which will enable a pathway to an inclusive and accessible recruitment process. She will also work with the wider team to help progress participants into sustained work.



Gemma is looking forward to meeting past and present participants to support long-term employment goals.

The This-Ability also welcomes **Benjamin Horth**:

Ben's role within the team is as an Employment Engagement Officer, where he'll be working closely with the learner's 'stage three' of their journey. It's his responsibility to find suitable employment for the learners and provide relevant adjustments to allow them to thrive in their jobs.

Ben said: "I love the variety in my role. From working and helping the mentors in the classrooms, to going out to events and presenting.

I have a real passion to make a difference to the learners and helping them along their employment journey. Everyone within the team has been very welcoming, helpful and supportive. I have been firing questions to all of them to gain a more detailed understanding of the sector and how to get the best from myself for this role."



## NEW WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS ADVISOR JOINS HEY LEP

**Carl Southcoat is the new Workforce Development Business Advisor for the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (HEY/LEP).**

Carl leads on managing and communicating workforce development opportunities across Hull and East Yorkshire as part of the LEP's HEY Growth Hub and Employment and Skills Team. Ensuring that business across the Humber region are directed to a support offer that is most appropriate to them.

The HEY Growth Hub is a fully funded service that offers a specialist free and impartial information, advice and guidance service to support the growth and development of new and existing enterprises. Providing individualised business support to drive forward the growth of the local economy for the benefit of our communities.

Engaging with small, medium enterprises to promote and raise awareness of the benefits of the apprenticeship offer, to grow the number of local businesses employing apprentices, in conjunction with facilitating opportunities to access apprenticeship levy transfer scheme,



to support business workforce development and growth plans. In addition, to promote and source Internship, T-Level, Traineeship and industrial placements with businesses to facilitate essential workforce skills development opportunities within a practical working environment.

For further information Carl can be contacted on M. 07718 695079 or Email [c.southcoat@heylep.com](mailto:c.southcoat@heylep.com).



## HULL CITY COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES VISITS YOUTH HUB HULL...

Last Thursday (3rd February 2022), Pauline Turner, Director of Children's Services at Hull City Council, spent an afternoon at the Youth Hub Hull where she met the team and had the opportunity to talk to young people who are accessing the centre for support into work [LINK](#).

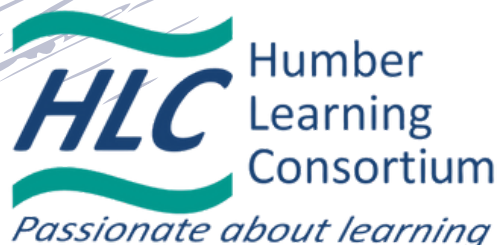


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## BBO PARTNERS FORGE LINKS WITH 'UNI CONNECT', TO BETTER SUPPORT ADULT LEARNERS INTO HE....

Jenny Chambers of the Humber Outreach Programme (HOP) spoke at a recent Building Better Opportunities Provider Steering Group meeting about the additional careers support that the programme can now offer to adult learners across the Humber.

HOP is one of 29 regional 'Uni Connect' partnerships tasked with providing impartial support and guidance regarding different career and progression pathways. From September 2021, the programme's remit expanded to include adult learners, including adults in community settings.

HOP is tasked with equipping people who might not normally consider an eventual progression to higher education with the information and confidence to consider this, if it's relevant and appropriate to them. Support is impartial, and considers not only whether higher education could be an eventual goal, but alternative progression pathways as well.

Jenny explained: **"We understand that in many cases adult learners in a community setting are still close to the start of their learning journey.**



**Their knowledge of the higher education system and whether it's right for them may be limited or out of date. And if higher education is an eventual goal or possibility there are more immediate hurdles such as progressing to FE level, to be navigated first.**

**Our aim is to provide community learners with a rounded package of information and support which takes as much account of progression routes through FE into HE, as HE itself.**

**We can also offer bespoke packages and one-to-one level 6 qualified careers guidance."**

HOP would be interested to speak to any community learning provider across the Humber who feels their learners would benefit from support.

Please contact either Jenny Chambers or Emma Platt-Lowe:

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Or you can visit the **HOP website** to find out more [LINK](https://www.hlc-vol.org/).



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