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NEW! EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME IN HULL AND THE EAST RIDING (UKSPF)

HLC has been successful in securing UKSPF People & Skills funding for two major partnership-based employment programmes, Exploring Opportunities Hull and Exploring Opportunities East Riding. Aimed at people aged 16+ who are economically inactive or unemployed (in Hull we can also support low-skilled employed beneficiaries) the programmes will partly fill a gap in provision left behind when the highly successful ESF Building Better Opportunities, Community Grants, and Community-Led Local Development projects ended earlier this year.

The Exploring Opportunities (EO) programmes are being delivered by HLC and 15 community-based partners. In Hull, the EO partners are Probe, Unity in Community, The Warren, Vulcan, Goodwin Development Trust, Giroscope, and CHCP. In the East Riding they are Shores, ActivFirst, Yorkshire in Business, East Riding Council, MIND, Two Rivers Community Pantry, and Working for Health.

Citizen's Advice Hull & East Riding is working as a partner across both EO programmes.



Each Exploring Opportunities programme builds on the best practice and learning from HLC's previous ESF projects, featuring 1-1 keyworkers for every beneficiary, personalised programmes focusing on life and employability skills, wrap around mental health and financial inclusion support, volunteering opportunities and work experience, job search, and in-work support. The 15 delivery partners work across all wards in Hull and East Riding, ensuring that any eligible resident can access support locally.

Exploring Opportunities will operate until March 2025* and we are now open for beneficiary referrals.

For further details please contact Michelle Munslow - michelle.munslow@hlc-vol.org or call HLC on (01482) 327438.

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HLC SECURES ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING TO DELIVER VOCATIONAL AND SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS FOR 19+.....ONE OF ONLY 55 SELECTED IN THE COUNTRY!

HLC's successful bid to the £75m Education and Skills Funding Agency's Adult Education Budget (AEB) will bring much needed skills investment funding into local communities.

The approved proposal will deliver vocational and skills qualifications and was one of only 55 that were successful in the highly competitive national government funding round. It will offer a range of courses to people aged 19+ across Hull and the East Riding.

"We're delighted to have secured this funding and are looking forward to working with our local partners to support them to deliver their courses and qualifications," said Phil Thames, the HLC AEB Contract Manager.

The AEB partners that will be delivering the courses are Bridlington Quay, Goodwin Development Trust, Hull FC Community Trust, RDS Academy CIC and Unity in Community.



HLC MAINTAIN QUALITY STANDARD FOR IAG SERVICES FOLLOWING THREE-YEAR REVIEW...

Following a recent Matrix assessment which took place on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th of September 2023, HLC are pleased to announce they have successfully passed the review of their quality standard accreditation for their information, advice and guidance services.

HLC would like to thank all those partners, staff and participants that have contributed towards this continued accreditation and recognition.

Janette Russon, the Assessor at the Growth Company, the organisation that delivers the Matrix Standard on behalf of the Department for Education, said,

"During the assessment, delivery partners described the seamless referral process between organisations, ensuring the learner receives the best support and IAG possible."

The Matrix review assessments take place every three years, and are subject to annual Continuous Improvement Checks (CICs) to maintain accreditation.



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HOLD THE DATE:

**HLC's Full Staff, Delivery Partner
& Trustee Conference**

Wednesday 24th January 2023

Venue TBC

Details to follow...



WHAT IS HLC'S COOK WITH ABILITY AT FARESHARE?

Cook with Ability at Fareshare is an optional extra for learners on HLC's This-Ability programme and part of its wider enrichment programme.

The great things about Cook with Ability at Fareshare are:

- Reduces food waste in the community
- Helps with sustainability
- Enhances knowledge on English and Maths
- Features guest chefs from different cultures helping to develop an understanding of equality and diversity within the sessions they run
- Immersive experiences created; they love to activate all senses in the kitchen!



- The programme primarily focuses on teamwork; feeding back on recipes made. This helps the learners take on board constructive criticism with confidence.
- Staff listen to the learners, if they want to learn how to cook something, they show them in different ways until they understand how to do it.
- They always try new foods and recipes that some learners may not have tried at home.
- They promote independence within our young adults.
- They assist with skills that learners may want to improve on if they are looking for a job within the catering industry.

In their most recent session, a lady called Oyinkansola (KKC) from Nigeria came along and cooked some authentic Nigerian food. KKC taught the learners how to cook peppered turkey and Jollof rice, she brought some plantain along with her and taught the learners the difference between a banana and plantain.

If you know someone on the This-Ability programme that would like to attend Cook with Ability, please contact Elisha on: **Mobile 07933821676** or **Email: elisha.allen@hlc-vol.org**



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