



# E-Bulletin

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## HLC CELEBRATES STRONG OFSTED INSPECTION OUTCOME

Humber Learning Consortium (HLC) is delighted to announce the outcome of its recent Ofsted inspection of its 16-19 Study Programmes, which recognised HLC’s strong leadership, effective governance and significant impact on young people facing barriers to education and employment.

The inspection gave HLC a Strong Standard judgement for its Leadership and Governance, with inspectors highlighting the rapid improvement work, effective partnership model, and commitment to supporting disadvantaged learners across Hull and East Yorkshire.

Inspectors praised leaders for responding swiftly to changes in the education landscape and for working tirelessly with delivery partners to improve outcomes for learners. The report noted substantial improvements in qualification achievement rates and recognised that current learners are making positive progress towards employment, further education and training.

The report also highlighted Strong Standards in both Achievement and Curriculum and Teaching for Education Programmes for Young People.

Inspectors found that learners make extensive progress from often very low starting points, develop significant new knowledge and skills, and are exceptionally well prepared for their next steps.

Importantly, Ofsted confirmed that safeguarding standards are fully met, recognising the open and positive culture



that ensures learners feel safe, supported and able to thrive.

Chief Executive Officer, Andy Crossland, said, “We are incredibly proud of this outcome, which reflects the dedication, expertise and passion of our staff, trustees and partner organisations. Our mission is to create opportunities for young people who face significant barriers to learning, and it is particularly pleasing that Ofsted recognised the transformational impact our provision has on our learners’ lives.

“This outcome is a testament to the strength of our partnership and the commitment of everyone involved. While we are pleased with the recognition of our achievements, we remain focused on continuous improvement and ensuring every learner can achieve their full potential.”

Inspectors highlighted HLC’s strong collaboration with its community-based delivery partners, recognising the contribution it makes to local skills priorities and its work to raise the profile of provision for disadvantaged learners.

The report noted that learners greatly enjoy their studies, value the support, and benefit from inclusive learning environments where they are treated with kindness and respect. The full inspection report can be read here [LINK](#) or by scanning the QR Code at the bottom of this newsletter.



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### OFSTED PRAISE HLC'S APPROACH TO SAFEGUARDING CULTURE...

During HLC's Ofsted inspection the positive culture of safeguarding was recognised across the partnership, with inspectors noting effective practice at last month's Safeguarding Week. A range of engaging and informative sessions were organised for learners following feedback from the providers. A tailored programme with themes covering online threats, child on child abuse, and safeguarding those with Special Educational Needs (SEND), was delivered throughout the week..

### ERASMUS+ INDEPENDENT PEOPLE 2, KARLSTAD, SWEDEN....

HLC recently took part in the Erasmus+ Independent People 2 programme in Karlstad, Sweden, from 31 May to 5 June. The visit brought HLC together with international partners from Sweden, Belgium, and Germany to share practice, strengthen collaboration and explore creative approaches to youth work and skills development.

A key focus of the week was the PEER model – Portable Educational Escape Rooms – which uses interactive, problem-solving activities to help young people engage with important topics in an accessible and enjoyable way.

During the visit, HLC staff participated in practical PEER sessions led by Belgian and German partners, with themes including communication, social media, gaming, online relationships, critical thinking, and problem solving. These sessions demonstrated how non-formal learning can create meaningful discussion, encourage teamwork, and support young people to reflect on real-life challenges.

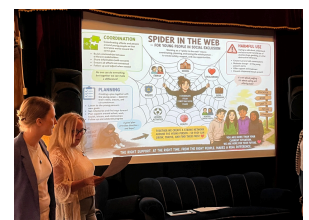
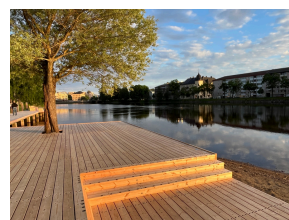
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Rather than relying on traditional classroom methods, the activities placed participants at the centre of the learning experience, requiring them to collaborate, think creatively and apply soft skills in a practical setting.

HLC's involvement in Karlstad built on its wider commitment to supporting disadvantaged young people and working with voluntary and community sector partners to improve access to learning, confidence, and progression. The Erasmus+ exchange provided valuable ideas that can inform HLC's future delivery in the Hull & East Riding area, particularly around digital skills, employability, resilience, and learner engagement. The week also reinforced the value of international partnership working. By learning alongside colleagues from different countries, HLC was able to exchange ideas, test new approaches and bring back practical learning that can help make education more inclusive, engaging, and responsive to the needs of young people.

Next steps... planning for Independent People 3 in 2027!





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## HLC TO LAUNCH A NEW SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH AMAZON...

A new and exciting supported work programme for 18-24 year olds with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will be launching this September, giving more young people with SEND the opportunity to develop skills and experience to access work. HLC, Hull City Council, and East Riding of Yorkshire Council have partnered with DFN Project SEARCH and Amazon to offer the Supported Internship at the DSA2 Amazon centre in Melton, Hull.

An online recruitment event is taking place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm, for parents and young people interested to learn more. Follow the [LINK](#) to express an interest. Programme starts this September...

**amazon** SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

DFN Project SEARCH is a one-year Supported Internship programme for young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). It is targeted at young people whose goal is competitive employment in the community. The programme combines classroom education with practical work experience in various Amazon roles.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- You must have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Aged 18-24
- Keen to work towards paid employment (16+ hrs/week)
- Interview and assessment required
- EHCP must be in place by enrolment

**KEY DATES**

Online information session  
8th July 2026, at 6pm on Microsoft Teams (link will be sent on registration)

In person recruitment and selection day at Amazon (Melton) date TBC. Deadline for applications 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Please register your interest by scanning this QR code.



## WE'RE RECRUITING!....

Would you like to work with us on our new DFN Project SEARCH Supported Internship with Amazon? We're looking for an experienced Tutor (Project SEARCH Tutor) and a Mentor (Employment Coach) to join our team, to support young people aged 18-24 years, with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), on the programme. To find out more please follow this [LINK](#) or scan the QR Code.

HLC Job Application (July 2026)

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