



Leeds Migration Partnership

Employment & Education Priorities progress November 2020

Universal Credit - barrier to employment (zero hour contracts)	
We will Promote DWP awareness raising sessions to Members and share information through the Blog and Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job centres remain open to support vulnerable customers. • 16-24 year olds are supported through the 'Kick Start' programme; Reed support those who have been unemployed for more than 13weeks; and from January additional support to find work will be available to all applying for universal credit.
Feedback concerns to DWP via the relationship manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) are looking at gaps in their provision and have secured funding to support those with addiction issues, poor mental health, and people who speak English as a second language to claim universal credit. • DWP have an educational development trust to help people get their qualifications approved and recognised in the UK. Access to this service is by referral through the DWP Social Justice team or a main stream job centre work coach.
English as a Second Language (ESOL)	
We will Attempt to influence funders to develop sustainable provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Attempt to engage with employers to provide/encourage access to ESOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Help Migrant English Support Hub gather info to help develop new provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Skills and Training	
We will Promote best practice in volunteering, in line with VAL's Volunteering Quality Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Find ways of helping migrant volunteers to access opportunities that will best equip them to find work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Personal Status - rights to access employment and learning	
We will Circulate info via Blog and Meetings on funding/bursaries for Further/Higher Education for people with all kinds of immigration status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Education	
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Employment Rights	
We will find ways to engage with trade unions, to help migrant workers know and assert their rights and avoid exploitation	•
Other activities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council's employment and skills service lead the Adult Learning Board. The team are currently under restructure but Craig Skinner will be the lead contact for employment going forward.