

Local Authority: Herefordshire
Young People :
Partnership Structures / Sub regional Groupings
<p>Herefordshire has a 14-19 Consortium Board in place which includes key stakeholders/representatives from the Local Authority, Connexions, Learning and Skills Council, Schools, Further Education Colleges and Training Providers.</p> <p>Feeding into this Consortium are four geographical networks whose membership includes schools, training providers and colleges. These networks currently act as the operational and delivery bodies of the Consortium. The Chairs of these networks sit on the Consortium Board.</p> <p>Supporting the Board are also four thematic working groups, Curriculum Development, Information Advice and Guidance (IAG), Education Business Partnership and Learners with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities (LLDD).</p> <p>The Authority has agreed to form a Sub Regional Group with Shropshire, Worcestershire and Telford and Wrekin Local Authorities.</p>
Progress Checks Headlines
<p>Quantitative indicators in the Progress Check show good academic performance in key areas.</p> <p>Priorities for further development include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering quality Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) • Developing and implementing a strong NEET strategy • Strengthening the employer engagement strategy
Academies / Presumptions
<p>Herefordshire has two Academy Schools:</p> <p>Wyebridge Academy is an 11-18 school which opened in September 2008, sponsored by the Diocese of Hereford and specialises in Sport, Science and Health. The new sixth form recruited 22 learners in its first year, with plans to increase this to 200 in 2010/11.</p> <p>Waldorf Steiner, also became an Academy in September 2008. The Academy is sponsored by the Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship. The School and has around 290 pupils on the school roll aged three to 16 years.</p>
NEET/EET Strategies
<p>At July 2008 the percentage of young people within the NEET group in Herefordshire stood at 6.3% (248). This represented a marginal increase on the July 2007 figure of 6.1% (235). Conversely the number of young people in the 'not known' category has reduced slightly from 3.98% to 3.75%.</p> <p>Prevention measures are in place through an ESF funded contract which supports engagement and progression pathways for young people in school years 10 and 11 who have become, or at risk of becoming disengaged from learning. The activity seeks to increase post-16 participation through identifying and tackling barriers to ensure effective transition upon leaving compulsory education.</p>
Young Apprenticeships
<p>The following programmes are available in the 2008/09 academic year:</p> <p>Sector: Health and Social Care Lead: Hereford College Cohort 4 = 20 places Cohort 5 = 20 places</p> <p>Sector: Hospitality Lead: St Mary's RC School Cohort 4 = 18 places Cohort 5 = 21 places</p>
Schools Engagement Programme
100 places are available for the 2008/09 academic year.

Diploma Summary

Commencing in 2009:
Business Administration, Levels 1-3, 20 places per level.

Herefordshire**Economic Development**

The sub-region has a significant number of planned major regeneration projects:

A Consortium of Further Education and Higher Education is collaborating to develop a proposal to fund a Higher Education Centre in Herefordshire. The University Challenge initiative led by the Higher Education Funding Council will support the development of new relevant skills, increase higher level skills particularly for those with no previous experience of HE and support appropriate progression arrangements.

Edgar Street Grid (ESG)

100 acre development of central Hereford. This will include a large Retail/Leisure development. Employment within the retail sector will be paramount so it is imperative to ensure adequate provision in this sector.

The board of ESG has appointed Sanctuary Group as their strategic housing partner to deliver the proposed new Blackfriars Urban Village (1000 new homes that will be built onto the site and at least 350 will be affordable). The LLSC is in discussions with Sanctuary Group to put forward a process that contractors and sub contractors will sign the Skills Pledge.

Regional Spatial Strategy

The Council is in the process of identifying substantial amounts of land for the allocation of residences.

The Minster College (a school sixth form in Leominster) is benefiting from the Building Schools Future investment programme with work commencing in 2009/10.

The area benefits from an Employment and Skills Board which consists of key local private and public sector employers. The Board is a vehicle for improving the responsiveness of employment, skills and business support programmes to the needs of individual employers.