

Local Authority: Shropshire

<b>Young People :</b>
<b>Partnership Structures / Sub regional Groupings</b>
<p>The overarching group overseeing outcomes for young people is the Shropshire Children's Trust Board. The Shropshire 14-19 Learning Network is the main strategic and planning body for 14-19. Reporting to this group are the 5 local 14-19 Forums (North East, North West, Central, South East and South.) These groups consist of head teachers, work based learning providers, colleges, Connexions, Local Authority and LSC staff. Subgroups exist in relation to LLDD, Transport, and chairs of the local 14-19 Forums.</p> <p>The Authority has agreed to form a Sub Regional Group with Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Telford and Wrekin Local Authorities.</p>
<b>Progress Checks Headlines</b>
<p>Through 14-19 DCSF funds the local authority have received capital funds to support development of the 14-19 offer (£2 million in 2008/09 and £6 million in 2009/10) In addition the authority have submitted a proposal through the 14-19 Rural Reform process for additional capital support for 14-19. Funding for a Transport co-ordinator has also been received.</p> <p>There are 22 secondary schools in the county, one of which is in national challenge. (Based on 06/07 data) 8 schools have sixth forms.</p> <p>78.7% continuing in education at 17 (2005/2006 figure) 53.3% achieving GCSE A*-C including English and maths (06/07) 76.5% achieving L2 at 19 (06/07) 49.6% of young people achieve full level 3 at 19 (06/07) 4.5 %NEET (Nov 07/jan 08) 6.2% increase in young people completing Apprenticeship 13% received offer under Sept guarantee end of Sept 07 78% received offer Oct/Dec 07 89.1% year 11 destinations in learning 2007</p>
<b>Academies / Presumptions</b>
<p>There are currently no known Academy Plans or Presumptions.</p>
<b>NEET/EET Strategies</b>
<p>The percentage of 16-18 year olds who are NEET as at July 2008 is 5%. This compares to the position in July 2007 of 4.9%. NEET is a performance indicator in the Children's Plan with hot spots in Oswestry, Bridgnorth and Market Drayton. Care leavers are identified as a priority group.</p> <p>There is a lack of provision for some LLDD young people and specifically those with behavioural difficulties.</p> <p>In Shropshire of the total cohort of 3,445 year 11 leavers, 87% (2,999) were made offers of a place in learning.</p>
<b>Young Apprenticeships</b>
<p>There are currently no Young Apprenticeship Programmes within Shropshire.</p>
<b>Schools Engagement Programme</b>
<p>100 places on School Engagement Programme 07/08 and 08/09 and is well supported by schools.</p>
<b>Diploma Summary</b>
<p>The IT diploma started in September 2008 in the North West Forum. Creative and Media, Hair and Beauty, Business Administration and Finance, Hospitality and Catering and Land Based diplomas are scheduled to start in 2009 and Construction in 2010. In the North East, IT and Creative and Media, Land Based, Hair and Beauty and Hospitality and Catering are scheduled to start in 2009. In the South Construction and Business Admin will be offered from 2009. In the South East Creative and Media, Engineering, Society Health and Development, Business Admin and IT will be offered in 2010. This is being coordinated via the 14-19 Group and the Colleges are working with schools on delivery. However two key issues remain : that of access and transport and the partnerships ability to deliver the full entitlement by 2013.</p>

## **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 Shropshire. The University Challenge initiative led by the Higher Education Funding Council will support the development of new higher education centres to address the creation of a highly skilled workforce with relevant skills, increase higher level skills particularly for those with no previous experience of HE and support appropriate progression arrangements.

A £7.5 million office, retail and residential development is being developed in the heart of Craven Arms. The developments include affordable housing and incubator units for small and medium-sized enterprises.

Ludlow Eco Business Park is home to two office developments, built using the latest environmentally-friendly construction techniques.

An Enterprise Centre for small and medium-sized companies is being developed with support from the Rural Regeneration Zone in partnership with Evans Easyspace and a park and ride service is already in operation.

The Food Enterprise Park in Shrewsbury will include workspace for around 12 start-up companies in purpose built, high specification units. The units will have a maximum occupancy period of three years, after which time companies will have the opportunity to move into 'grow-on units' elsewhere on the park.

Regeneration of the Flaxmill in Ditherington in Shrewsbury to create living accommodation, retail outlets and a gallery.

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.