



Leeds Health and Care Academy

April 2019 newsletter

It's just over a month since the groundbreaking collaboration of Leeds health, care and university partners formally got underway. Our work is developed and delivered with the support of all our partners and together we are creating a single, joined up approach for innovative learning and development for all staff in health and care.

Read on and find out more about just some of our work so far.

Joining forces for major careers event

Hundreds of jobs will be promoted at a recruitment and careers event this month. For the first time on this scale, more than 30 employers will be represented at the Academy event and a whole range of roles including residential care assistant, support worker and domiciliary care, medical and nursing roles as well as many other vital support services too. There will be the chance to speak to the ambassadors and staff from organisations represented. It will be held at Leeds Civic Hall on 15 May from 4pm until 8pm.

Inspiring our future health and care workforce

More than 20 new health and care ambassadors will work across the city to inspire and motivate the next generation of staff. They represent a whole range of employers and many different roles and each will spend two or three days a year motivating and inspiring the future health and care workforce for Leeds. The ambassadors will visit communities, schools and job centres and attend many events, including our May 15 careers and recruitment event. Ambassadors are drawn from organisations across the city including Leeds City Council, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust, Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group, primary care, private care homes, Be Caring in Leeds, an employee-owned provider of social care services in the home, and students in health and care at Leeds City College.



Do you work in health and care? Interested in being an ambassador? Visit the staff zone on our website.



More than 1,000 new health and care staff already part of the new Leeds-wide induction

Our health and care workforce are one citywide team working across organisational boundaries to help provide seamless care for their service users. And now all new starters take part in the One Leeds Workforce induction as they are joining #TeamLeeds!



Bringing mental health first aiders together

Partner organisations from across the city were represented at our mental health first aid events at the end of March – bringing together people to talk about this vitally important issue for our health and care workforce. The day at Leeds Art Gallery started with a 'big chat' with employers about the importance of mental health first aid and supporting employees at work. The discussion involved leaders from Leeds City Council, the academic, independent and third sectors, national bodies and health and care organisations.

In the afternoon, workforce and trade union representatives from across Leeds, including those trained in mental health support, shared their experiences and ideas to launch a new, citywide network.



Leeds Health and Care Academy is a project of the Leeds Academic Health Partnership, whose founding partners are three of the city's universities, all of the city's NHS organisations and Leeds City Council.

Academy News in brief

Washington showcase

This month the Academy is being presented to an international conference. The Leeds Academic Health Partnership showcased the Academy at the Association of Academic Health Centers International Global Issues Forum. This included a short film demonstrating how our city leading the way. Look out for it soon on partner websites!

Five years of Springboard



Academy Director Sheree Axon was delighted to lead a women's network event in Leeds celebrating five years and 500 participants in the Springboard programme for women in non-managerial jobs.

Nearly 270 people have taken part in the new system leadership programme, further strengthening the links between health and care leaders.

