



Leeds Health and Care Academy

Welcome to the June edition of the Academy newsletter which looks at some of the work with our partners in the month and highlights what's coming up.



Passionate about health and care? Help us motivate more people to join the 'One Leeds Workforce'

The city's health and care ambassadors have been busy this month visiting some of the job fairs organised at community hubs across Leeds, such as the Armley One Stop and the Great Get Together at East End Park. They are helping to motivate and inspire people to join the 'One Leeds workforce' by providing a better understanding of the rewards and challenges of a career in health and care. They do this by visiting community centres, careers fairs, schools and job centres and engaging with people looking for their first job, a career change or their next challenge.

Leeds Health and Care Ambassadors come from a range of different backgrounds and we are always looking for new recruits. We would love to hear from potential ambassadors, including staff who work with children or in non-clinical roles such as estates and facilities, domiciliary services, or scientists, lab technicians, researchers and pharmacists. If you would like to know more please email LHCA@leeds.gov.uk and read more of our ambassador case studies below at <https://leedshealthandcareacademy.org/category/case-studies/>



"I believe that my personal story will help others to see that there is a career pathway in health and social care - especially those who may feel that they have lost their chance to have a career in the care sector."

Sharon Earnshaw, care home general manager



"I would like to help attract talented people from different backgrounds into the workforce, so they can flourish with the right support and make a difference in their own lives and within their communities."

Andrew Johnson, health support worker



Focus on the future 'One Leeds workforce'

Thanks to everyone who took part in our first planning session for the future focused 'One Leeds workforce' event in October. Medical and nursing students and representatives from a range of programmes and employers, including the citywide digital programme, University of Leeds School of Medicine, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Nexus, joined us this month to help design the event.

The October 30 launch event will bring employers and our potential future health and care workforce together to discuss the things that really matter to them. It will be the first of three events which ultimately aim to improve employment in health and care in Leeds. Working with employers and policy makers we need to understand the requirements of the current and future workforce when considering a career in the health and care system. Through these conversations, we also want to promote the wide range of health and care careers that Leeds and the wider system has to offer. We will keep you posted on updates through our newsletter and website.

Nexus event on immersive technologies

Thanks to Alastair Cartwright, Director of Informatics at NHS Leeds CCG, who recently attended the Nexus's event on immersive technologies on behalf of the Academy. He said the event offered some great examples of how immersive technologies can benefit health professionals especially in the fields of education and training. For example, how a neurosurgeon using a headset can see 3D imagery of the brain they are about to operate on.

"A key session of the event was a workshop in association with Health Education England looking at how immersive technology might support the training and skills required by the health and care workforce into the future".

Primary Care conference

We were delighted to attend this excellent event organised by the Leeds GP Confederation earlier this month which was celebrating quality improvement and looking at what the future holds for primary care - there's more about the day at www.leedsgpconfederation.org.uk We were also pleased to be given the opportunity to showcase some of the Academy's work during the network sessions and thanks to everyone who chatted to us on the day.

Women's network

Next month will see the first meeting of women's networks from across the city to confirm the areas they are going to collaborate on to further support women in the Leeds health and care workforce. This work is being led by Claire Holmes, of Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and is part of the Academy's Improving Working Lives work stream.

Leeds Libraries for Health

Academy Director Sheree Axon attended the Leeds Library and Information services partnership meeting in June. "It was an excellent opportunity to talk about shared priorities and discuss how we can collaborate, including sharing CPD resources, across health and care in the city." Explore their resources at www.leedslibraries.nhs.uk

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