



LTRS: Getting Businesses Involved

Let's Talk Real Skills (LTRS) is a skills project happening now in the Leeds City Region. Managed by the [West Yorkshire Consortium of Colleges](#) (WYCC) and funded by the European Social Fund (ESF), LTRS aims to make significant improvements in skills provision through collaboration between businesses like **yours** and education.

We want to understand what is currently available, what the common skills gaps are and how collectively, we can create new training provision for businesses to meet the skill requirements over the next five to ten years.

What does the project aim to achieve?

- Align SME demand for skills with the capacity to deliver the right training solutions
- Put employers at the centre of the skills design
- Improve access to training by SMEs and supply chains
- Address issues for sector-replacement demand
- Facilitate collaboration between educators and business to tackle skills gaps
- Provide immersive learning and virtual reality solutions
- Provide training that builds resilience to economic change
- Enable innovative delivery methods to be developed and tested

What's in it for you?

Run pilot projects within your business - By sharing information of what skills your business needs you can enable this project to create new training provision, pilot them within your business and receive 40% funding towards future enrolments.

Access sector intelligence - By working with the LTRS project group, industry bodies, Higher Education and research institutions will give you access to the latest developments and technologies happening within this region.

Grow your network – You will be part of a partnership of other employers in your industry along with industry bodies and the education sector with potential to connect your business to other opportunities.

How do I get involved?

Attend our Action Learning Forums – These forums will create a space for employers to come together and discuss the skills needs their businesses requires and the problems or barriers they are experiencing regarding training and recruitment.

Take part in our surveys – There is a short and comprehensive industry survey that we have created that will contribute to our research and intelligence.

Join our Collaborative Sector Partnership (CSP) - A partnership of employers, who frequently meet to discuss new ideas and how we can pilot them in our region using funding from this project.

Take part in a telephone interview – A discussion around your business skills needs can be fed into the development of this project.

Contact us and get involved: skills@westyorkshirecolleges.ac.uk