



# West Yorkshire and Harrogate Excellence Centre Spotlight on success



## Joint citywide careers event

AMAZING JOINT CAREERS EVENT HELD IN LEEDS

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The first citywide careers and recruitment event for health and care took place on 15 May.

It proved to be a great success with more than 700 vacancies promoted by over 30 employers – and almost 400 people through the doors!

Employers offered a variety of opportunities for employment, apprenticeships, volunteering and work experience and received nearly 1,000 enquiries as a result of the event. In just one week.

There were 72 applications for one apprenticeship and one role at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

There was help with applications or advice to help people find the right role for their next career move.

The newly appointed Leeds health and care ambassadors were also available on the evening to talk about their many roles in health and care.

**Leeds City Council are keen to recruit more careers Ambassadors so email: [LHCA@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:LHCA@leeds.gov.uk) or call 07387 258838 if you're interested!**

Some of the employers who attended the fair;

- ✓ International GP recruitment
- ✓ Four Seasons Health Care
- ✓ Wilf Ward Family Trust
- ✓ Human Support Group
- ✓ Orchard Care Homes
- ✓ Affinity Trust
- ✓ St. Anne's Community Services;
- ✓ Leeds Autism services
- ✓ Leeds Jewish Welfare Board

The event was attended by a great range of people;

- ✓ FE & HEI students
- ✓ People wanted to change career (there was a gas engineer who actually always wanted to work with people with learning disabilities who wanted a complete career change)
- ✓ People looking for their first job and those returning to work

There is a meeting planned in the near future to check with employers if there were any appointments following the well-received event.



*"We had some fantastic conversations and may even have encouraged a career break GP to return to practice."*  
**Lindsey Bell, NHS England and NHS Improvement**

*"It was really productive. I received lots of enquiries about job and volunteering opportunities. It was great to see so many organisations working in the care sector connecting together."*  
**Amanda Henderson, St Gemma's Hospice**