

York & North Yorkshire 14-19 Area-Wide Prospectus

In February 2005, the Government published its White Paper on 14-19 Education and Skills. A key element of this Paper was the requirement for each Local Authority in England to develop a web-based searchable Prospectus of 14-19 learning opportunities by Autumn 2007. The philosophy behind the web-based Prospectus is that it should go beyond simply providing an information database for young people. Rather it should provide learners with a clear and impartial view of all the options open to them so they may make an informed choice and be clear about progression opportunities.

York and North Yorkshire has produced a single Prospectus with the facility to reflect the distinctive nature of each area. A joint steering group, including representation from key partners (Local Authorities, Learning Partnerships, Connexions, Guidance Enterprises and NYBEP), continues to oversee its ongoing development.

The Prospectus is available at www.futures4meyork.com (York) or www.futures4menorthyorks.com (North Yorks)

The site currently features c.3,500 courses at over 80 providers. It has been designed and constructed in a way which is 'future-proof', allowing for new selections and facilities (e.g. Common Application Process, individual learning plans, interactive areas), to be added as the needs arise. Feedback from learners, teachers, parents, WBL providers and other key partners continues to inform improvements.

PiP members have contributed to the site's development by providing details of the courses they offer and giving feedback on its design.

Summary of features:-

- All providers of 14-19 learning opportunities across York, North Yorkshire and across major travel to learn boundaries have been invited to contribute.
- Collaborative provision, e.g. Diplomas is clearly marked.
- All provision for young people aged 14-19, i.e. any accredited course of any kind (inc. work related learning & apprenticeships) at any level is included along with informal learning opportunities (e.g. enrichment activities) offered by each provider.
- Information is searchable by provider, geographical area, subject or career area.
- Calendar of events
- Information about: financial support, transport, careers, options choices and links to other relevant websites and lots more.