

# Liverpool City Region Taskforce and Youth Offer



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# The Challenge

- A significant increase in youth unemployment.
- Many more young people on furlough or paused apprenticeships are unsure of their future.
- A changing labour market, with sectors popular with young people such as hospitality and retail severely impacted.
- A changing provider landscape, with organisations adapting to new delivery methods.
- Challenges to reach young people who are digitally excluded while face to face services are limited.
- The risk that young people who were socially excluded before the Covid-19 now face deeper challenges.



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# Liverpool City Region Youth Task Force

- A virtual forum for key partner organisations who support young people into work.
- Aims (to be agreed):
  - Reduce Youth Unemployment through increased access to jobs, apprenticeships and training.
  - Provide joined up support to every young person that would like help.
  - Ensure no young person is left behind, including care leavers, those with SEN and those from BAME communities
- **How:**
  - Meet regularly to hear from Young People.
  - Understand each other's offers and delivery so we can join up our services.
  - To contribute to delivery of the LCR Youth Offer.

We will be setting up a smaller steering group of key organisations to represent wider groups of partners. If you are interested in joining this group please contact:

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# Liverpool City Region Youth Offer

- The **LCR Youth Offer** would be a calendar of virtual and physical events that providers would commit to deliver to connect with and support young people who are job searching.
- These events and activities could include for example:
  - A virtual information session about how to access apprenticeships
  - A virtual mentoring circle run by an employer who will commit their time to provide advice and support about their sector
  - A virtual session with an employer or recruitment agency about what makes a good CV
  - A physical job club where young people can access a computer to job search if they are digitally excluded (subject to social distancing)
  - Information sessions from providers about the services they offer / virtual open days



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# Liverpool City Region Physical Youth Hubs

- A digital offer will not reach all young people, so we need to deliver a face to face service in a safe way.
- Aim to set up physical Youth Hubs across the City Region where Young People can access a range of support in one place.
- A mix of permanent co-locations and outreach co-locations

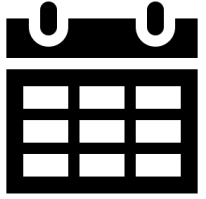
# Progress So Far...

- Temporary Virtual Youth Hub has been created

<https://lcrmetromayorsyouthgroup.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/youth-employment-hub-opportunities/details>

- If there are anymore events or services which you are offering, both physically or digitally, please do let us know using the contact details in this presentation.

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***Events sent through from  
Youth Organisations,  
Training Providers &  
Support Agencies***



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# Progress So Far...



- **Virtual Youth Hub Status**
  - Following discussion with Young People, our initial destination page for collated events has altered slightly.
  - Our Beta Version will initially be housed on the LCRCA Commonplace Platform, before a more permanent location is co-designed by young people.
  - This approach will enable us to gain valuable feedback through site analytics and a joint survey.



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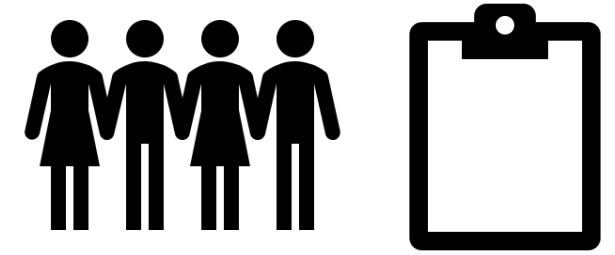
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- **Survey**

- Alongside the temporary home for events & services, we have developed a short, open survey for young people in order to gain feedback on how they want these digital and physical youth employment hubs to be designed.
- Accessible via a separate tile on the same Commonplace website, we hope to reach as many young people as possible.
- <https://lcrmetromayorsyouthgroup.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/youth-employment-hub-survey/details>



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# Want to Offer a Physical Site or Co-Locate Staff?



- **Attend your relevant Local Authority Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams – Links Below:**

- [Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 11am Liverpool](#)
- [Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm Wirral](#)
- [Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 11am Sefton](#)
- [Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 4pm Knowsley](#)
- [Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 12pm Halton](#)
- [Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 4pm St Helens](#)



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## Contacts – Physical Youth Hubs

If you have space to host a youth hub or would like to co-locate / provide staff for outreach please contact your local Jobcentre Plus Relationship Manager and join the Microsoft Team Meetings taking place for your area W/C August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020.

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