



**Business,
Growth and
Skills Hub**



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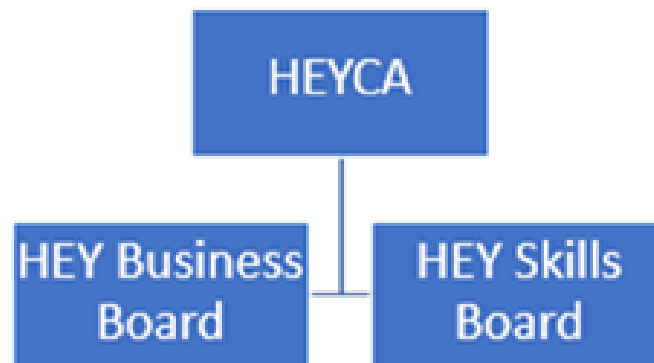
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Hull and East Yorkshire Business and Skills Boards Recruitment Opportunity

June 2024

Introduction

Hull City and East Yorkshire Councils have agreed a devolution deal with Government to develop the Hull and East Yorkshire (HEY) Combined Authority. The Hull and East Yorkshire Unitary Leaders Board is the democratic governance body which will oversee the development of the proposed future Combined Authority. The governance structure for managing this process is below.



Your opportunity to contribute:

We are looking to recruit to two pro-active and forward-looking boards that will provide the opportunity for business to provide strategic influence into the decision making of this process:

1. To support and advise on this work and provide a diverse, effective, and proactive business voice, the Unitary Leaders Board is looking to appoint the **Hull and East Yorkshire Business Board**. This Board will provide strategic business input to support economic growth, maximising the natural assets of the region's geography, sector strengths and people skills.

The Business Board will need to recognise the significant strengths of the major sectors in our region, the diversity of our communities and the important role of the VCSE sector, its reach into business and local neighbourhoods and the unique role it plays in delivering transformational change.

Aim

The HEY Business Board will support the Unitary Leader's board's role in the development of a competitive and thriving business environment, where private businesses can start, sustain, and grow thus creating high quality jobs and economic growth for the benefit of the local community. The board will also ensure that local businesses have a voice so they can capitalise on the opportunities presented by the region's strategic growth priorities to drive economic success.



The role of the Business Board will include ensuring that regional business support continues to meet employer needs, in particular focussing on Micro Businesses and SMEs and their ability to sustain and grow. The Business Board will act on evidenced employer need, and bring together a range of services that provide access to available funding, training and mentoring services and provide the business perspective and collective voice to the governance processes.

The Board will also feed into and support the development of the new Hull and East Yorkshire Economic Strategy, maximising those opportunities within the proposed devolution deal and ensuring alignment with the economic plans of both the Hull and East Riding Councils.



The Business Board will work in close partnership with the Skills Board to ensure alignment and magnification of activity.

2. To help develop the region's approach to the development of the Adult Skills Fund, future funding opportunities and processes we are also looking to recruit to the **Hull and East Yorkshire Skills Board**.

The Skills Board will recognise the existing education and training provision in the region and maximise opportunities to shape provision to meet current and future employer's needs. We will work together to ensure that local people benefit from high quality post-16 education and training. The board will ensure that adults are supported to upskill, reskill, and are best placed to find employment in good jobs, further their careers and to gain the confidence and ability to overcome any existing barriers to success.

Aim

The HEY Skills Board will support the Unitary Leader's board's role in the development of a regional skills system that recognises existing and future sector strengths, develops and builds on progression opportunities and celebrates success and create an effective talent pipeline. The Skills Board will bring together employers and providers (including the VCSE Sector) working together to create innovative solutions to supply and demand challenges and opportunities, building on the good that has been delivered by the Local Skills Improvement Plan.

The role of the Skills Board will include the setting up of management systems to invest the Adult Skills Fund which acts as an enabler for residents to gain vital qualifications and develop new skills. The Board will also oversee the range of current contracted education

and training managed by the former HEY LEP and strategically inform opportunities to bid for additional funds to support the region in increasing employment, improving social mobility and participation in education and skills training.

The board will drive ambitious targets to best serve the business and residential communities, celebrating good quality education and training and directing new provision where gaps are evidenced.



How the boards will operate

- It is envisaged that both Boards will meet bi-monthly and that the Chairs will be elected from the membership at the early meetings.
- Board members will conduct themselves according to the Nolan Principles. [The Seven Principles of Public Life - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-seven-principles-of-public-life)
- Board members with personal, commercial, or financial interests in any agenda items will declare them at the relevant points on the agenda and not participate in votes on those items. In addition, members will be required to complete and update their published Registers of Interest upon appointment and at least on an annual basis as per Officer's requests.



How do I apply:

Thank you for your interest in considering this opportunity to contribute to the future development of the Hull and East Riding region.

We will ask interested colleagues to complete a simple Expression of Interest Form that will be used to shortlist candidates. Successful shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend a short, informal discussion with a panel of regional representatives, including local authority leaders/senior representatives. **Please note this Board opportunity closes on Sunday 21st July 2024 at midnight.**

The outcomes of these discussions will inform the board membership; **please note that first board meetings will take place on the following dates for diary purposes:**

Business Board – 4th October 2024

Skills Board – 25th October 2024

For clarification regarding applications, please contact the following colleagues for more details:

Business Board – Teresa Chalmers, Chief Operating Officer
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Expressions of Interest Forms can be found at [HEY Board Recruitment » HEY Business Growth Skills Hub - Hull and East Yorkshire](#) . Alternative ways to apply/formats can be made available on request by emailing info@heybusinessgrowthskillshub.com or contact 01482 485260.

