

Digital Board, Local Digital Skills Partnership, and Let's Talk Real Skills Collaborative Skills Partnership

Digital Board

In 2019 the Leeds City Region Digital Board was established to oversee the delivery and implementation of the five outcomes of the Digital Framework:

- Digital opportunities for all businesses
- Digital skills for all
- A thriving digital sector
- World class digital infrastructure
- Tech for good

The ambition is for the board to oversee all digital activity in Leeds City Region and make connections between the different strands. Membership is drawn from across the City Region and across the five outcomes.

Local Digital Skills Partnership

As part of the devolution agreement, Government have committed to establishing a Digital Skills Partnership in West Yorkshire.

LDSPs have been competitively bid for and established in 7 other LEP areas to tackle local digital skills challenges. The objective of the LDSP is to bring together key stakeholders involved in digital skills (both supply and demand) to work to identify digital skills needs, barriers and identify opportunities for interventions.

A key part of the LDSP offer is a full time coordinator to facilitate and lead the above. This post will also lead on liaison and negotiation with government, through the network of LDSPs, feeding into the national Digital Skills Partnership.

Collaborative Skills Partnership

As part of WYCC Lets Talk Real Skills Programme, a Collaborative Skills Partnership for digital will be established.

Collaborative Skills Partnerships will deliver improvements to the skills offer in the Leeds City Region to better meet the needs of employers, align private and public sector investment and grow our economy. They will set up significant and long term partnerships to take end to end responsibility for skills development in a sector, challenge the current mind-set and advance skills development beyond the current model.

The Digital Collaborative Skills Partnership will explore potential new strategies for designing the skills system, for training and engaging a diverse workforce, it will be innovative in its approach and ambitious in fostering a solid collaboration with employers and their supply chain. It will form partnerships with training providers and other organisations, to create ambitious, transformative proposals that will deliver the skills SME need in the Leeds City Region.

Proposal for alignment

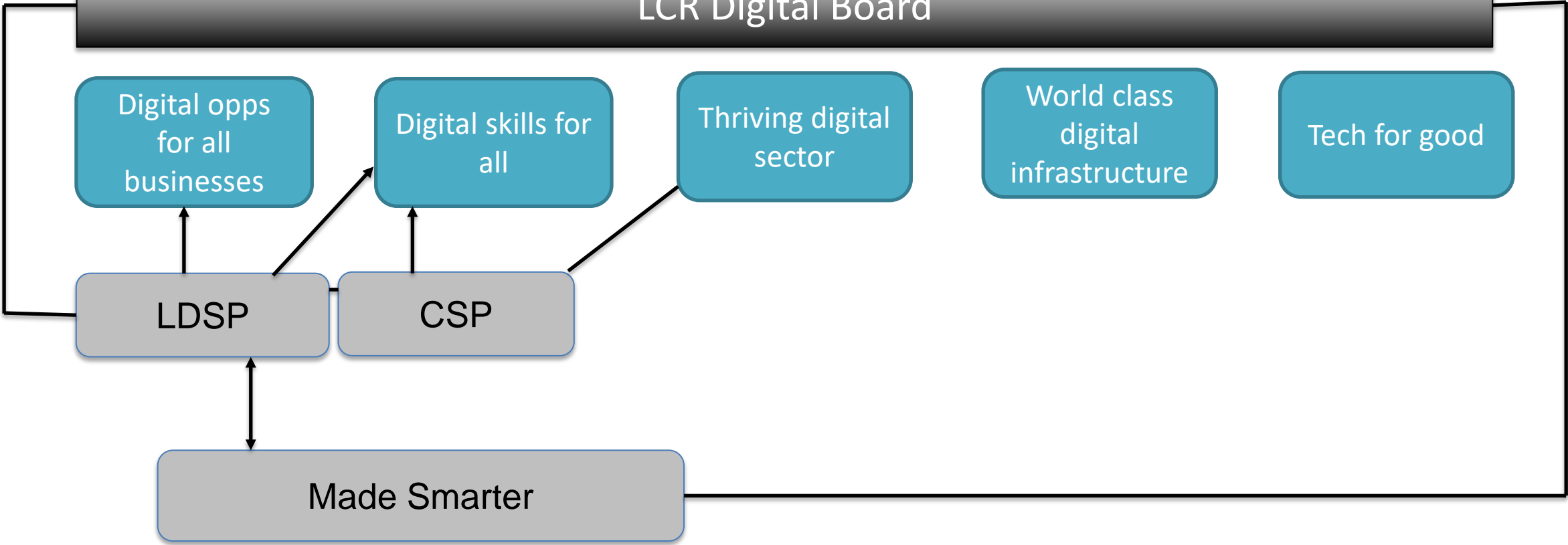
The ambitions of the **LDSP** and **Collaborative Skills Partnership** are very similar, and it is likely membership of the two will include the same key stakeholders.

- The **LDSP** will focus on digital skills shortages in ***any and all sectors*** across West Yorkshire, thereby addressing the DF outcomes of Digital opps for all businesses and Digital Skills for all.
- The **Collaborative Skills Partnership** will focus on digital skills shortages across the digital sector itself, thereby addressing the DF outcomes of A thriving digital sector and Digital Skills for all.
- The **LDSP** and **CSP** will meet together, or sequentially to cover all digital skills. The same Chair, and a number of members will also attend the Digital Board to provide feedback and secure input.
- The **LDSP** is likely to focus on basic to general digital skills across the economy. The CSP will focus mainly on general and advanced skills for the Digital Sector, although recognising there will be overlap
- Recruitment for the LDSP Manager is currently underway. The expectation is that we will have the postholder in place by September ready for the launch of the **LDSP**.

Digital board members	LDSP members	CSP members
Kersten England (Chair)	<i>Additional Large employer</i>	Leeds City College
Andrew Wright (LEP/BIG/ Hainsworths)	Additional SME employer	Bradford College
James Devitt (HE)	<i>Charity/VCS rep</i>	Shipley College
Jem Henderson (Tech Nation)	<i>HE rep</i>	Calderdale College
Jim Farmery (Creative England)	<i>FE rep</i>	Leeds Trinity
Mark Fleetham (HE)	<i>Independent training provider</i>	Hippo Digital
Malcom Seagrave (AND Digital)	Liz Needleman (ESP/BT)	Enjoy Digital
Rashik Parmar (LEP/ ESP/ IBM)		The Data Shed
Victoria Betton (Mindwaveventures)		
Bryn Sage (InTechnology)		
<i>Additional SME employer (poss a CSP member)</i>		
<i>Charity/VCS</i>		
Bill Jones (Chair LDSP and CSP)		
	Steve Moore (CityFibre)	
	Bryn Sage (InTechnology)	
	Will Roebuck (Eradar)	
	Mark Cowgill (LEP/ESP/ EXA Networks)	

Digital Framework

LCR Digital Board



Thank you
