

Appendix 2 – Digital Skills Plan, one year on

	Completed delivery	Strategic development
Social Digital Inclusion	Soft launch of West Yorkshire Digital Inclusion programme 1498 essential digital skills qualifications delivered via Adult Education Budget to individuals in West Yorkshire without essential digital skills.	West Yorkshire Digital Inclusion initiative (£.75m Gainshare), <i>detailed in the following section of this paper</i> Digital Inclusion embedded in Community Grants SPF3 call Via the West Yorkshire Digital Inclusion development, Kirklees LA Officers and West Yorkshire JobcentrePlus have developed a prototype business case to leverage DWP Flexible Support Funding for digital inclusion, with the LA facilitating introductions to suitable community organisations to invite applications for a pilot. Coding in prisons Skills Connect course
Workforce for the Future	Secondary school teacher digital CPD and student factsheets Go Higher West Yorkshire digital resources	Digital skills in secondary schools (£1m Gainshare) co-development with Local Authorities Mayor's Diversity in Digital Initiative (Skills Connect) AI careers advice is to be piloted in Leeds College of Building, Calderdale College, Leeds City College. This chatbot will support learners such as SkillStart adult learners, ESOL students, and groups that are difficult to engage in careers.
SME and Third Sector Growth	Launched Digital Enterprise Range of digital Skills Connect courses procured and delivered (1000 Skills Connect participants) supporting upskilling of individuals to access higher level job opportunities. Mayoral support of external support for digital businesses, e.g. Google Skills to Go, Leeds Digital Ball, Digital Universities	Investment Zone (Digital and Life Sciences) announced for West Yorkshire (£160m) Skills Support for Business focus on digital businesses and Essential Digital Skills for Work upskilling

	<p>Series of Digital Leadership Dinners for influential women in digital roles, hosted by the Mayor, sponsored by Lloyds Bank, Cognizant and Amazon Prime Video</p> <p>WYCA participation in Leeds Digital Festival, including Tech UK Fireside Chat with UK Tech News and Mayor Tracy Brabin</p> <p>West Yorkshire Innovation Festival events focused on digital, including AI for West Yorkshire; AI for Creative Industries; How to use AI industry overview; Halifax Digital Festival</p> <p>37 SMEs overall have enrolled employees on Skills Bootcamps across both Waves 3 and 4 so far with a promotional campaign ongoing to promote the programme</p>	
Simplifying the Digital Offer	<p>Audit of Higher Level Digital Skills demands, in partnership with Yorkshire Universities</p> <p>Mapping of digital clusters and digital skills provision in the region to inform LMI</p> <p>Persuaded Lloyds and IPSOS MORI offer separate West Yorkshire (rather than Yorkshire and Humber)-level data on digital capability (65% in 2022)</p>	Digital as dual focus (with green) of Adult Skills campaign
Impacts	<p><b>Raised awareness of the need for digital skills and the CA offer of digital skills provision. Larger evidence-base to shape delivery</b></p>	<p><b>More incoming provision to increase the numbers of West Yorkshire residents with digital skills</b></p>