

Careers in *Leeds*



Tuesday 3 November 2026
First Direct Bank Arena, Leeds
12-6pm

Our aim

Careers in Leeds is a flagship careers event delivered by Employment and Skills at Leeds City Council.

The event brings together employers from all sectors, alongside education training providers and specialist support provision.

Building on the success of our established events—which collectively attract over 20,000 visitors each year, including the Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair, Leeds Digital Careers Fair, SEND Next Choices, and the Leeds Creative Skills Festival—**Careers in Leeds** will be an ambitious, inclusive, and opportunity-rich showcase. The event will connect thousands of people with employers and providers from across the city.

The event aligns with the Leeds Economic Vision and supports inclusive growth and future job creation across the city.



Who should attend & key benefits

This event is ideal for organisations that:

- Are looking to recruit now or within the next 12 months and want to meet candidates face-to-face
- Wish to strengthen their employer brand and raise visibility across the city
- Actively support local employment, workforce development and inclusive recruitment
- Are committed to shaping Leeds' growing economy and engaging with emerging talent
- Want to gain insights into local labour market trends and future workforce needs

By taking part, you will benefit from:

- Direct access to local talent including students, graduates, career changers and jobseekers
- Enhanced brand awareness and reputation, showcasing your organisation as an accessible and community-minded employer
- Promotion of current and future vacancies, training and career pathways
- Networking opportunities with employers, partners and stakeholders from across Leeds and the wider region
- An opportunity to demonstrate company culture, values and workplace environment
- Reduced recruitment costs through direct engagement with a large audience
- Support for Corporate Social Responsibility commitments, contributing to inclusive economic growth in Leeds
- A platform to share skills needs, helping influence training provision and future talent development
- Increased staff engagement, with teams representing your organisation and connecting with future talent



Our visitors

The event is expected to attract a diverse range of attendees, including:

- School and college students exploring apprenticeships, further study and early career options
- University students and recent graduates seeking employment, placements and graduate opportunities
- Apprentices and learners looking to progress, upskill or change career direction
- Adult learners and career returners re-entering the workforce
- Career changers exploring new sectors and roles
- Jobseekers actively seeking employment opportunities and ready to connect with recruiting employers
- Individuals with SEND, alongside parents, carers and support professionals
- Local residents and community groups exploring training, employment and progression opportunities

Activities on offer

Exhibitors will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of interactive and engaging activities, including:

- Exhibit within the main marketplace for a special Early Bird rate of £400 + VAT when booked by 29 May 2026. Showcase your organisation, opportunities, and areas of expertise. Exhibitors will be positioned within themed sector zones to support visitor flow and help attendees easily navigate to relevant employers.
- **The standard exhibitor rate of £450 + VAT applies from 30 May 2026 onwards.**
- Free exhibitor spaces are available within our Inclusive Support Zone, specifically for organisations and charities providing support services and/or specialist provision. This zone is designed to help young people, parents, carers and educators easily access tailored guidance and specialist services. Spaces are first-come-first-serve and the zone will be a quieter space away from the main area floor.
- Deliver a presentation or join a themed discussion panel, sharing insights on careers, skills, industry trends or workforce needs.
- Connect directly with potential candidates from across the region, all actively considering current and future opportunities.
- Showcase practical skills through demonstrations, hands on activities or live tasters that highlight your sector, roles or training pathways.
- Promote your courses, training offers, apprenticeships and employment opportunities, helping visitors explore real pathways into your organisation.
- Provide clear information on education and training options for young people aged 16+, including available courses, entry requirements, and progression routes.
- Network with partner organisations, employers and stakeholders from across the region, strengthening relationships and collaboration.

Accessibility and Inclusion

Careers in Leeds is committed to creating an inclusive and accessible environment.

Full details of accessibility features, including quiet spaces, visitor support and venue facilities, will be shared in the Exhibitor Briefing Pack.



Exhibitor Package (£450 + VAT)

Early Bird Offer:

Book by 29 May to secure the early bird rate of just £400+VAT.

- Exhibition space including table and chairs
- Ability to request additional demo space, power or hardwired internet
- Listing in printed and digital visitor guides
- Option to purchase advertising space in the guide
- Promotion of vacancies and training via communication channels and on-site digital screens
- Networking opportunities with exhibitors across various sectors
- Engagement with future workforce and talent pipeline

Exhibitor Logistics

Comprehensive joining instructions will be issued ahead of the event, including:

- Set up and breakdown times
- Arrival and registration information
- Loading and unloading access
- Venue layout and stand locations
- Power/WiFi access
- Health and safety guidance

To book your exhibitor stand, complete the booking form.
For any queries, contact: esemployers@leeds.gov.uk

