

Request:

Can you please provide a list of the prime contractors and their subcontractors delivering employability and/or skills programmes for Wigan Borough Council.

Response:

The Wigan Council Adult Learning and Skills team is in receipt of a yearly Grant Funding Agreement from Greater Manchester Combined Authority, as a Prime contractor to deliver devolved AEB (Adult Education Budget) funded learning. This learning is targeted at Adults aged 19 + and offers a range of accredited qualifications including English and Maths, Vocational qualifications and some non accredited community learning. Additionally 33% of the funded provision is delivered by two sub contractors; Transport Training Academy and The Music Project. All courses seek to enhance the skills of adults to access further learning, first/better employment and increase everyday life skills.

GM ESF NEET programme – Wigan Council's Aspiring Futures service are the subcontractor to Career Connect as Prime to GMCA for employment and education support for young people in the borough. We have been able to commission 'Steps to Confidence and Wellbeing' as well as other short courses such as CSCS, to support the needs of young people on the programme.

Wigan Council are the Lead Accountable Body for the DWP grant funded provision. The delivery of the programme is in partnership with Wigan Youth Zone in the Leigh Youth Hub. This has been given a 2nd year grant following the 1st year success and will run until 30th August 2024.