

BRIEFING PAPER FOR UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND PROJECT DECISION

Overview of project



BACKGROUND

Skilling Up Plymouth

This project is co-designed and co-developed by the Skills and Post 16 team in Plymouth City Council (PCC) and YMCA Plymouth (YMCA). It builds on a successful track-record, creating a new programme delivering key priorities within PCC's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) Investment Plan, while piloting new ways of working beyond 2025.

Our project focuses on providing people with the confidence and skills to access the city's growing employment opportunities. We will work with those furthest from the labour market, including socially excluded people, and people looking for new careers using a skills brokerage model. It will connect individuals with employers and education/training providers to improve employability and progression into employment in our key sectors. It will help reduce the city's skills shortages and critical job vacancies.

Coordinators will be allocated specific areas of responsibility, but will work across all four areas ensuring continuity of delivery and alignment across workstreams:

- Supporting green skills and high value technical skills
- Pathways to employment - developing and unlocking the talent of our young people
- Supporting local skills needs - retaining and attracting new talent in high value technical sectors
- Supporting local skills needs - health and care

In addition to skills and workforce brokerage, our team of Coordinators will organise careers events to showcase pathways into employment across all sectors.

Our project also invests in the YMCA and on-site Discovery College to improve classrooms and multi-purpose areas, including purchasing sensory equipment for those with additional needs.