

Community and Public Engagement Statement

ShIPLEY College aims to connect, share and involve the local community and public with our work locally, to benefit staff, students, employers and the public, sharing our knowledge and expertise to inspire our students of the future and to have a positive impact on society.

Community engagement

As a college we seek to support, interact with, serve and provide skills for our local community. We are proud that the College is situated in the centre of Saltaire Village and, as such, we strive to integrate our staff and students into the life of the community and enhance it through the activities and engagement of our students. Where possible, we endeavour to offer work placements or volunteering in the local businesses to strengthen the College's impact on the local community. Our engagement includes:

Support for the unemployed - Our strong links with Jobcentre Plus and local employers ensure that the provision is relevant to local employment opportunities. The College's SkillsHouse retail programme, arranged in partnership with Bradford Council, delivers relevant qualifications and training to ensure participants are upskilled and in a position to apply for the relevant vacancies, many of which are in the Broadway Shopping Centre.

Centre of Excellence for Business & Retail - The Centre of Excellence for Business is part of the Bradford District Industrial Centres of Excellence (ICE) programme, developed as a collaboration between business and education to prepare local young people for employment in business.

Bradford Works - Bradford Works is a social enterprise that operates from our Land Based Services Department. We currently provide over 100 work experience and supported employment placements for people who join the job training programme to develop their confidence, employability and practical horticulture skills. Bradford Works permanent staff provide on the job training and mentoring for our work placement students.

Talk English project - ShIPLEY College runs the Department for Communities and Local Government's 'Talk English Project' in Bradford, coordinating five partner institutions. Those with low levels of English can improve their language skills so they can access services and become more involved in the community.

Adult & Lifestyle courses - Our wide range of community and lifestyle courses continue to attract over 900 enrolments. Our students benefit from gaining new skills and insights, developing existing interests and social interaction. People aged 18-84 enjoy daytime and evening activities including arts & crafts, languages, pilates, yoga and ballroom dancing.

Supporting work placements - We recognise the importance of putting our students in real work situations. Work placement for students is coordinated by Work Experience Coordinators, supported by the Business Development Team. We aim to give as many students as possible the opportunity to prepare and develop appropriate skills for the world

of work and gain general business awareness. Students with particular needs, on our Supported Internship programme, are given appropriate support in the workplace.

Strategic partnerships - The College maintains a strong profile in the District with a broad range of employer, community, economic, charitable and educational networks.

The Saltaire Collection - This aims to inspire local people and visitors to have a better understanding of the heritage of Saltaire and creates the desire to preserve it for the future. This unique collection, owned by Shipley College, provides insights into the history and development of Saltaire. Volunteers and members of the Saltaire History Club are actively involved in the archive.

Refer to the College [Annual Report](#) in this link, which highlights our Community and Public engagement activities