



The services igen provides

igen continues to grow as one of the best and most innovative and dynamic careers information, advice and guidance companies.

We have been working with young people since 1996 when Leeds Careers Guidance, as we were then known, was established to provide the statutory Careers Service for Leeds under contract to Government. Recognition of a growing need and reliance upon us to provide an increasingly extended, specialist range of support services for teens and young adults, led to the re-branding in 2003 to igen.

Our experience, knowledge and portfolio of services extend beyond career advice. Our expertise has won us many new contracts and we continue to build on our success:

Connexions

Information, advice and guidance for 13-19 year olds (up to 25 years old for those with learning difficulties and/ or disabilities). Provides free advice about education, training, careers, jobs, money, health, benefits and housing.

NEET ESF Engagement

Aimed at young people aged 16-19 who are NEET (not in education, employment or training) and 14-16 yr olds identified as disengaged or at risk of disengagement. Igen hold the main NEET response contract in Leeds, working closely with all relevant strategic and support agencies including Leeds City Council, Skills Funding Agency. Igen deliver these interventions and engagement activity through a Partnership of delivery providers. The programme is named REAL (Realise, Engage, Achieve, Learn), projects within it use a range of themes and vocational areas to engage and support young people to maintain further learning. The project have accredited and non accredited learning options and link closely with other provision to supply progression route young people can be prepared for and progress to. Participation is on a need basis but usually last for around 10-16 weeks. An incentive scheme for young people is available based on financial rewards for starting, achieving defined objective and sustained progression.

Foundation Learning

Aimed at young people aged 16-18 (19-25 with LDD needs). Young people can be employed status and access the programme. An individual package of accredited and non accredited learning and training, aims to assist learners to develop their skills and knowledge. Covering employability, Maths, English, ICT and vocational areas supporting young people to have the skills they need to progress into apprenticeships, employment and further learning. igen delivers this programme in Leeds via a citywide Partnership of training providers and standalone in Doncaster and Rotherham. Foundation Learning is a YPLA funded via 16-18 learner responsive arrangements.

ESF IAG Fund Holder (West Yorkshire)

igen will be managing this fund for three years. The fund provides careers advice to adults undertaking training supported by the European Union Social Fund in West Yorkshire. Delivery of careers advice will be by igen staff and a number of partners across West Yorkshire.

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ESF IAG Careers Advice Plus

igen in Leeds and Hull support a range of ESF projects by delivering information, advice and guidance (IAG) services to people unemployed and taking advantage of the support from these projects. The ESF projects range from support for redundant workers to specialist groups and community bodies.

First Step Engagement (Leeds)

Aimed at unemployed adults in Leeds who are not yet ready to compete in the labour market. igen Careers Advisers deliver intensive support over several months preparing the clients to take up employment and or training.

Initial Step Engagement (Hull)

Aimed at unemployed adults in Hull who are not yet ready to compete in the labour market. igen Careers Advisers deliver intensive support over several months preparing the clients to take up employment and or training.

Continuous Professional Development

Aimed at Careers Advisers delivering the regional Nextstep service for adults and in preparation for the forthcoming Adult Advancement and Careers Service.

Foundation Learning

Aimed at young people aged 16-18 who are not involved in post-16 learning. It develops their motivation and confidence as well as basic and key skills. From Foundation Learning, young people have the skills they need to progress into further learning, modern apprenticeships or employment. igen delivers this programme in Leeds, Doncaster and Hatfield.

igen in Leeds also lead a Partnership of 13 other training providers delivering Foundation Learning in the city.

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Next Step

Provides a universal careers advice service for adults aged 20 plus and additional support to those adults who do not yet have a full level three qualification.

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