



Skills Position Statement 2022/23

Transforming Lives & Developing the Workforce of the Future

Introduction

We have a proud history of delivering education and training in Bristol and can trace our roots back to the 1500s ±we are truly part of the fabric of the City -



We work closely with Bristol City Council and WECA across a range of areas to effectively gather and share intelligence including around the offer for the unemployed (including those furthest from the work place), work in the Care sector, ESOL and provision for adults with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Links with three local Higher Education Institutions, the University of the West of England (UWE), the University of Bristol (UoB) and Bath Spa University remain strong. Joint activities continue to be developed through partnership agreements. CoBC is a core partner in the local Civic University⁴ Agreement (CUA) group alongside UWE, UoB and BCC/ One City. The ambition is to create a joint collaborative CUA for the city with an initial focus around Education & Skills including improving employability, widening participation in HE, increasing access to Apprenticeships and access to



We have a dedicated and active team embedded in the communities we serve working alongside 16-25 independent people, SEETEC, the Salvation Army and other key community stakeholders offering outreach services and referrals to AEB or ACL programmes to support progression.

Student numbers in Creative & Digital are high and we continue to focus on market demand. A Web Development Applications course was introduced last year in partnership with Code Institute. This unique programme was adopted to address significant gaps in developer tech roles within the region and UK-wide and has been developed with industry experts and employers such as Google, Microsoft and Capgemini.

7 K H & R O O H J H ¶ V Apprenticeship Training Agency (ATA), the South West Apprenticeship Company (SWAC) has eleven \ H D U V ¶ H | Software, placing, employing and mentoring apprentices placed within SMEs and larger levy paying hosts continuing to offer a service to those companies that would not otherwise engage with apprenticeships. Over the last eight years 98% of completed apprentices have been employed or progressed on to higher studies.

Please note that this statement is reviewed on an annual basis.