



Community of  
Practice:

Green &  
Sustainable  
Development  
(GSD)

2023

# Context

In September 2022 we held our first NSN Green Skills conference, which included colleges, training providers & MCA's from across the North to showcase & share the work taking place on the green agenda for FE & Skills. This event was such a positive & collaborative approach, that there was a big call for a northern community of practice to continue the work and disseminating support and resource.

In our 2023 manifesto, we have identified 4 priority areas including future skills landscape - within this priority we have identified GSD as an area of work we as the NSN and regional networks are committed to enhancing at local, regional and northern level.

Through the new Apprenticeship Workforce Development programme with the Education & Training Foundation, an opportunity was identified to gain grant funding for a collaborative project. The NSN board agreed this would be a great opportunity to further develop our response to the GSD agenda across the networks in the North. A bid was submitted & a week later it was approved....so we are now ready to launch our GSD community of practice for the North!



# Our project reach

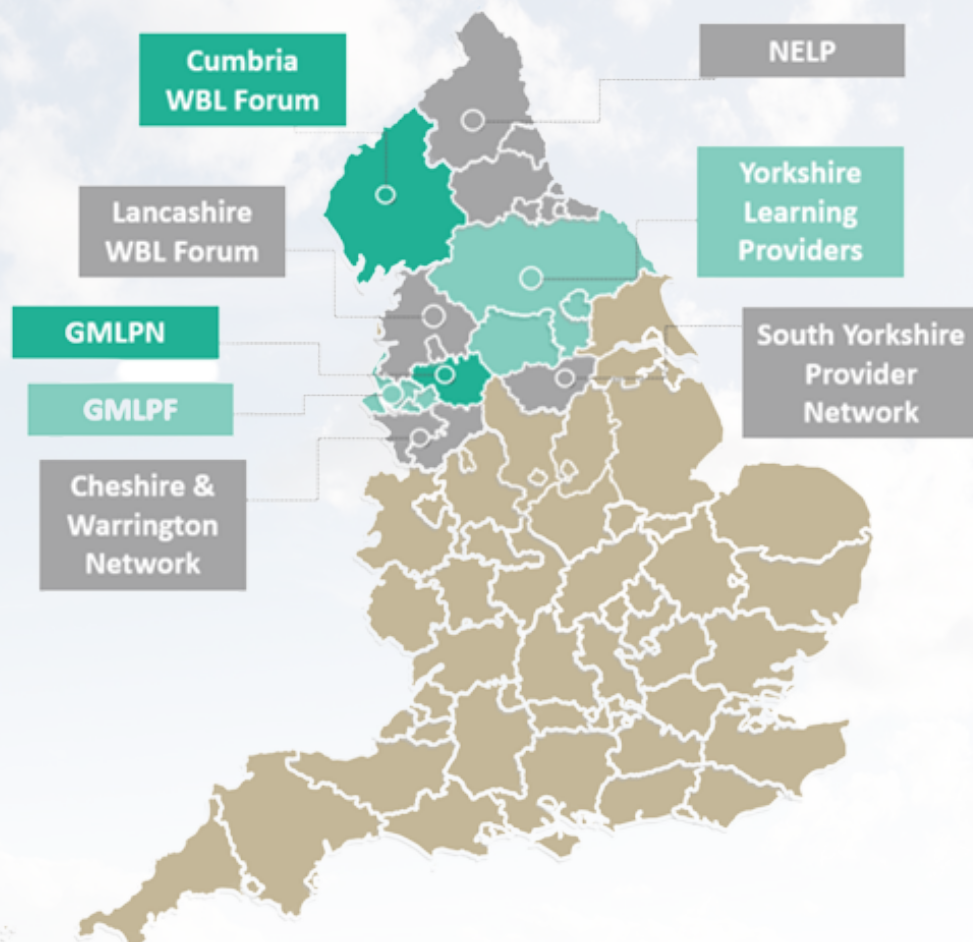
## 8 Networks, 1 Agenda

Over 350 network members including:

- Independent Training Providers
- FE Colleges
- Local Authorities
- Universities
- Employer Providers
- Voluntary/Community Sector
- CEIAG Providers



Working with over 30,000 employers



# Why join the community of practice?

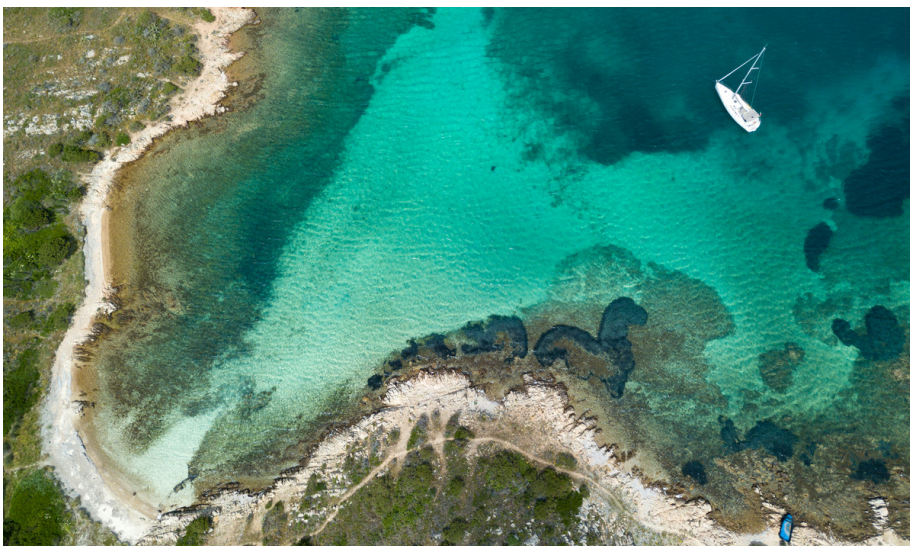
A community of practice will be developed across the Northern skills networks, to highlight, showcase and further explore how apprentice's curriculum in all vocations and standards can be more sustainably and environmentally focused.

As the northern networks we are committed to ensuring our regions and training providers can provide up to date support and curriculum for their apprentices. We recognise the importance of the green agenda, as detailed in our 2023 Manifesto, and believe that all apprentices have the right to learn and work in a more environmentally astute way. The training organisations who support them will be ideally placed to further explore and develop this knowledge.

Through establishing a Green community of practice for the North, we will provide support for tutors and practitioners in developing greener, more sustainably aware pastoral and teaching plans.

The community of practice will also engage with the combined authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships across the North and the Local Skills Improvement Plan leads to ensure the GSD curriculum is aligned to regional strategy and plans.

Our project partner, NCFE, will be working with the CoP with course and curriculum content, developing a bespoke champions course and links to other external links and programmes.



# Commitment & Support



The community of practice (CoP) will meet monthly during the project life, and will address thematic and sectoral resources and support for greater GSD projects for apprentices, KSB development, curriculum embedding and tutor support. By joining the community of practice, you are agreeing to sharing practice, idea generation & supporting provider and curriculum development.

All project participants will receive padlet and champion network support, access a wide range of webinar, CPD and teaching & learning support and attendance at employer & apprentice roundtables.

Providers do not need to attend every CoP, and can request additional colleagues to future meetings.

# Next Steps

The first community of practice (CoP) is taking place on 10th May 2pm - 4.30pm via Teams and the theme will be showcasing existing activity supporting GSD for apprentices, discuss support needs and areas to explore for future CoP's, barriers and challenges plus opportunities Sign up through your regional network lead or email [chair@northernskillsnetwork.co.uk](mailto:chair@northernskillsnetwork.co.uk) to register your place at the first session.

In collaboration with:

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