

Education & skills summary



Issues

Communication

- Lack of communication between businesses and schools. No cohesive link between what the vocational subjects are and how they can be linked with the wider vision of the community

Culture

- Lack of aspiration within the young community. Need to address the needs of the social mobility, starting at the roots
- Poor housing provision – quality and cost - is an issue as it does not lead itself for young people to start up. If addressed, the younger generation would be able to sustain family life here
- Lack of investment in the local schools and colleges. Not enough push to encourage local entrepreneurs at college roots or to enable sustainability
- Local transport is not enough to support local young people travelling within the Forest of Dean

Actions/Evidence

- Ensure that all schools and colleges are represented at the next sub group
- Invite young people from colleges to help shape their vision for the future – what skills are they looking to achieve?
- Advertise opportunities and support to gain A levels (currently being discussed)
- Contact all businesses to encourage attendance and guild in apprentice schemes wherever possible
- Create a skills shortage list to build on

Thinking Big

- Need for a collaboration programme in place to make it easier for young people to explore other areas within the Forest and not reach out to the surrounding cities
- Encourage the younger generation to create and buy in to a vision of the future of what the Forest should look like