

Call for Board Members

Leeds City Region Employment and Skills Board

Are you a sector leader who believes that investing in workforce skills is key to business growth?

If so, you may be interested in this opportunity to shape the priorities for investment in skills and employment programmes across the Leeds City Region, which includes Leeds, Bradford, Kirklees, Wakefield, Calderdale, York, Harrogate, Selby, Craven and Barnsley.

The Opportunity:

- **To champion** investment in skills and drive up the demand for training and learning within key sectors of our economy;
- **To promote** better collaboration between employers, colleges, universities and training providers; and
- **To serve** on a high-profile, nationally-recognised private-public board supporting the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) in tackling employment and skills challenges based on the City Region's overall economic growth priorities.

The Person:

We are looking for two **Chief Executives or Directors from sectors driving the future economic prospects of our City Region**. We particularly welcome applicants from low-carbon/ environmental technologies; retail and manufacturing sectors to complement the existing board membership. Possessing the following qualities and experience will be essential:

- A clear strategic **vision, excellent communication and leadership skills and a** demonstrable understanding of how skills and employment drive economic prosperity;
- Significant current **experience** as an employer based within the City Region;
- **Well connected** with demonstrable links with other businesses and organisations, including other key employers within your sector;
- **Commitment to serve** for up to three years; at quarterly Board meetings and for up to half a day per month to champion the work of the Board.

Interest is welcome from individuals employed at Director level or above who have a strong understanding of future employment priorities in their sector. We are keen to attract high calibre business people from all sectors of our diverse communities. These positions are voluntary; however expenses will be reimbursed.

How to Apply:

Please send your outline CV with a covering email setting out how you think you could contribute to the work of the Board to Rebecca Royle at Odgers Berndtson 35640@odgers.com

The closing date for expressions of interest is noon on **Monday 23rd May**.

For further information and details of current board membership, please see www.leedscityregion.gov.uk/esb.htm

If you would like to have an informal discussion in confidence, please contact Sue Cooke or Clare Elliott on 0113 395 2264 or email clare.elliott@leeds.gov.uk