West Yorkshire Combined Authority | Tracy Brabin Mayor of West Yorkshire

Our Reference: 3486

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Freedom of Information Enquiry: Green Skills Courses

Thank you for contacting West Yorkshire Combined Authority ('the Combined Authority') with your request for information, which was received on 1 April 2026.

Your request was:

"I would like information about the green skills courses provided by the authority and how many people have undertaken them. This information is most likely to be held by a skills, education or business department.

In particular, please supply me with information relating to the following questions. Between 1st September 2022 and 1st September 2025:

a) How many green skills adult education courses have been provided by the Mayoral Authority, and;

b) How many people have been trained on the above green skills/green jobs adult education courses provided by the Mayoral Authority?

For both of the above questions, this includes courses related to the building of or maintaining of residential homes or commercial buildings as well as other Green Skills, such as in relation to Electric Vehicles, Digital Skills, Education, Biodiversity and Conservation management and others. This includes courses of any length and courses that are provided as part of a Skills Bootcamp.

I am using the following definition for green skills: Green jobs and green skills are ones that contribute to preserving or restoring the environment. They have a focus on either reducing carbon emissions, protecting and restoring nature, minimising waste and pollution, adapting to the effects of climate change or making similar environmental

improvements. Green jobs and skills can be in traditional sectors such as manufacturing and construction, or in new, emerging green sectors such as renewable energy and energy efficiency. Sustainability managers in businesses, green transport officers and thermal heating specialists are all examples of green jobs."

This request is being handled under Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have completed our searches, and I can confirm that the Combined Authority holds information covered by your request.

a) How many green skills adult education courses have been provided by the Mayoral Authority

The Combined Authority has provided 10 green skills adult education courses. Please note the Combined Authority only holds information at course level for Skills Bootcamp and Skills Connect Funded provision.

b) How many people have been trained on the above green skills/green jobs adult education courses provided by the Mayoral Authority?

246 learners have been trained on the above courses, and an additional 5,546 learners have engaged in green skills learning aims for Adult Skills Fund and Free Courses for Jobs.

If you believe that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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For your information, there is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,
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