

MEMBER VISIT

Textile Centre of Excellence

The Textile Centre of Excellence is a private, not-for-profit Group Training Association that provides training across a variety of industries. From apprenticeships to courses like Health & Safety and Forklift Truck operations, the centre offers both textile and non-textile programmes.

In September 2023, the Centre relocated to a new facility in Outlane, Huddersfield. This former school building has been transformed into a state-of-the-art training and conferencing centre, complete with a fashion studio and open-plan office spaces.



NEWS & UPDATES from provider:

The Textile Centre is excited to launch its newly approved Bootcamp in Textile Manufacturing, aimed at addressing labour and skills gaps in the sector. Offered across Kirklees and Calderdale, this bootcamp focuses on helping workers upskill within the textile industry, improving productivity through advanced training. A unique aspect of this bootcamp is the involvement of the Centre's member companies, which host industry visits every other week. These visits offer students first-hand insight into different textile mills and key concepts like fibre blending, wool technology, and more. With labour shortages and advancing technological needs, the Centre is working to address skills deficiencies that hinder progression from traditional machinist roles to more technical positions. This is crucial as the industry faces pressure to keep up with sustainable development and ethical trade standards.

A fun fact about the Centre: The Director of Training & Quality started as a Business Admin apprentice at the Centre more than 20 years ago and has since become a well-known expert in the textile industry!

How TCoE benefits from a YLP membership

We asked Managing Director, Bill Macbeth, for his thoughts on the benefits of a YLP membership. He described the following:

'Membership of the YLP is about the best investment a training provider can make. In an ever more complex and demanding environment YLP saves providers loads of time and effort because the YLP team are totally on top of all of the relevant issues – making sure know what's going on and what's coming and that you are aware of new opportunities. They are a great source of information and advice and as a successful company themselves they understand the operating environment that we work in. The more you use them, the greater the reward.'

YLP work with our providers to better understand what they are looking for, and what we can do to further support local FE.

