



Staying local to go far: modern universities as placemakers in Yorkshire and the Humber

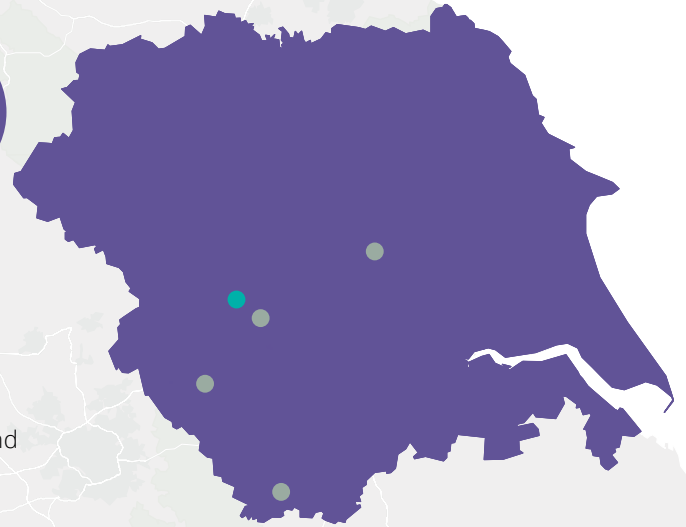


Modern universities in Yorkshire and the Humber are intimately connected to place. They act as key anchor institutions, generating economic value as employers, procurers and providers of services in the local economy, with ripple effects across the region.

They provide vital pathways into higher education, spreading access and opportunity, while also supporting graduates to transition effectively into the local job market.

They work collaboratively with local stakeholders (NHS, businesses and local government, among others) to drive regional development and weave the social fabric of the cities and towns in which they are located.

Taken together, all these activities illustrate the role of modern universities as placemakers. This role should be utilised and expanded for the government to achieve its ambition to level up the country and ensure that you can stay local to go far.



- Leeds Trinity University
- Other modern universities

Modern universities in Yorkshire and the Humber...

... create **£1.24bn** of impact as a result of their economic output.

... generate **£0.84bn** in expenditure-related Gross Value Added (GVA) in the region.

... support **10,546 jobs** (Full-time equivalent) in the region.



Of modern university graduates working Yorkshire and the Humber...

... **50.2%** are “regional loyals” – this means they studied in their home region and remained there to work.

... **16.1%** are “regional stayers” – this means they came from another region to study at a modern university in Yorkshire and the Humber and remained to work in Yorkshire and the Humber.

... **50.3%** are employed in public administration, education, or health sectors 15 months after graduating.



Modern universities provided **11,680** higher apprenticeships in Yorkshire and the Humber over the past 5 years.



Leeds Trinity University

... contributes **£41m** in expenditure-related Gross Value Added (GVA) to Yorkshire and the Humber economy.

... supports **500 jobs** through its wider economic impact as an anchor institution.

... **95.4%** of working graduates are “regional loyals” – this means they studied in their home region and remained there to work.

