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## West Yorkshire Rural Access to Opportunities

Improving access to employment and training opportunities in rural areas.

The Access to Opportunities programme 2009 to March 2011 has improved access to employment and training opportunities in rural areas of West Yorkshire.

The three-year programme has been terminated early, as a result of the Government's decision to disband Yorkshire Forward and Regional Development Agencies.



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[West Yorkshire Rural Accessibility Partnership](#)

Metro has administered almost £250,000 of funding for rural transport and accessibility projects.

### Types of funding granted

- Grants of up to £10,000
- Capital and revenue grants
- Grants were used to meet up to 75% of the total project cost
- Projects had to demonstrate sustainability.

### Transport delegated fund

This fund supported projects which improved transport to employment or training.

Applicant	Project	Capital	Revenue	Total
ReConnect	Wakey Bus	£3,097	£0	£3,097
Alternative Technology Centre	Cycle Recycle (Year 1)	£1,190	£700	£1,890
Godson's Coaches	971 Service - Rural East Leeds Employment Link	£3,750	£12,138	£15,888
CT Calderdale	CT1 Service - Cross Stone	£0	£18,360	£18,360
SESKU Academy	SESKU Community Skills and Learning Centre	£1,077	£780	£1,857
5 Villages Community Link Ltd	5 Villages Community Link	£0	£11,000	£11,000
Alternative Technology Centre	Cycle Recycle (Year 2)	£5,487	£0	£5,487
Kinsley & Fitzwilliam Community Resource Centre	Kinsley & Fitzwilliam Community Resource Centre	£20,000	£0	£20,000
Jubilee	Community Transport Training Link	£9,400	£0	£9,400
Mental Health Matters	Think Positive	£6,640	£0	£6,640

### Access to Services Delegated Fund

This fund provided grants for projects to improve access to employment and training in rural Leeds and Wakefield.

Although the fund could not directly provide transport services, it could support projects which provided assistance to help people get to work. This included providing support and advice on employment and training opportunities, childcare, money/debt issues and other barriers which restricted people entering or re-entering the active workforce.

Applicant	Project	Capital	Revenue	Total
Wakefield Citizens Advice Bureau	Rural Outreach (Year 1)	£1,487	£0	£1,487
Kinsley & Fitzwilliam Community Resource Centre	Kinsley & Fitzwilliam Community Resource Centre (Year 1)	£11,013	£0	£11,013
Age UK	Information & Advice in Wetherby (Year 1)	£0	£12,500	£12,500
Wakefield Citizens Advice Bureau	Rural Outreach (Year 2)	£100	£9,060	£9,160
Kinsley & Fitzwilliam Community Resource Centre	Kinsley & Fitzwilliam Community Resource Centre (Year 2)	£437	£7,000	£7,437
ReConnect	WakeyBus	£893	£1,690	£2,583
Age UK	Information & Advice in Wetherby (Year 2)	£0	£7,211	£7,211
SESKU Academy	SESKU Community Skills and Learning Centre	£9,900	£100	£10,000
5 Villages Community Link Ltd	5 Villages Community Link	£1,750	£6,370	£8,120

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