

The College has been active in the community working with key community groups including:

- **North Lincolnshire Multi Faith Partnership** –engaging with and raising awareness of students of the main faiths in North Lincolnshire
- **Disability Groups** – working with groups (*Alzheimer’s Society, Guide Dogs for the Blind. Lincolnshire House, Autism Partnership Board*) to raise awareness and understanding of a range of disabilities.
- **LGBT** – Working with North Lincolnshire Council to support students within college and young people in the wider community.
- **Prevent Strategy** – Promoting Fundamental British values and working with Humberside police and North Lincolnshire Council to produce resources to be used both with students and within the community in order to empower specific community groups
- **Amnesty International** – raising the awareness of human rights issues amongst students
- **ONGO** – sharing good practice in order to progress work with disadvantaged communities in order to promote community cohesion, raise awareness of education and employment opportunities

Staff and students have also been actively involved in fund raising, providing opportunities for young people to support community groups. The impact of this was recognised at the North Lincolnshire Community Awards with two former students winning awards, the Colleges Performance and Achievement Coaches being recognised for Outstanding Contribution to a Learning Community and Alan Rayment (Manager of Kingsway Fitness) receiving sports achiever of the year.

By engaging with our community students are able to gain an awareness of different faiths, sexual orientation and disability. This provides students with an opportunity to discuss and demonstrate British values, assisting them to gain a greater understanding of the community and therefore promoting social cohesion.

Multi-Faith Partnership

Partnerships with the North Lincolnshire Multi-Faith Partnership and other faith organisations and groups have continued since September 2015 in order to inform the ongoing development of college policy, strategies and actions in respect of community cohesion in line with national government strategies.

The college has been represented at regular meetings of the Partnership and has participated in planning joint activities. It should be noted that one such event

planned for November 2015 was postponed to a later date due to the terrorist attacks in Paris. In December 2015 the college hosted a Multi-faith event to which were invited representatives of a number of local faith groups including the Muslim, Christian, Jehovahs Witness, Buddhist, Quaker and Jewish communities. This has been further developed since with links strengthened with certain of these groups in order to extend the number of Faith Ambassadors within the college. The college has provided support for the North Lincolnshire Multi-Faith Partnership through the administration of the Multi-Faith Partnership website.

Disability Groups

Partnerships with North Lincolnshire Council have continued in areas relating to Disability and Young People. The college inclusion area has also delivered a collaborative project with the Autism Partnership Group to raise awareness of the needs of autistic people.

Local representatives of the Alzheimer's Society have also made an input to raise awareness of related issues and the Care Training Suite in Health and Social Care has been sponsored by the Alzheimer's Society.

Links are also in place with the local Guide Dogs for the Blind Society and representatives of this local group have offered their services to provide awareness-raising talks for Animal Care students. This group has also informed the work of the College Ability Action Group in carrying out an accessibility audit.

Strong links have also been established with Lincolnshire House in the inclusion curriculum area, who has a strong partnership, providing community work with residents on a weekly basis. On the International Day for Persons with Disabilities a representative of Lincolnshire House spoke to students about stigma and employment issues in daily life experienced by persons with a disability.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT)

Work with the local LGBT community has continued with the establishment of links with a number of local groups. A link has been established with the North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning group who are working with LGBT people in the local area to identify their particular needs following project work with Stonewall. The college is represented at meetings of this group in order to increase knowledge and awareness of the needs of LGBT people in the local community to inform future college policy and strategy. Work is also planned between the Student Engagement Officer and the People Directorate of North Lincolnshire Council about the formation of an LGBT group for young people in North Lincolnshire. Workshops have also been delivered by North Lindsey staff to raise awareness of gender identity issues in partnership with North Lincolnshire Council and local secondary schools.

Prevent Strategy

Work with Humberside Police is continuing in order to inform the development of the college Prevent strategy in respect of Fundamental British values and counter-radicalisation. The college is currently developing a resource to raise awareness of far-right extremism which has been requested by local schools and has also been welcomed by Humberside Police in the absence of such material in this area. Alongside this work, a very positive relationship has been established with the Community Safety Unit of Communities Command at Humberside Police relating to a number of areas including work with local minority ethnic groups, sharing data and information relating to the needs of these groups in order to inform both current and future strategy. Additionally a community-based IT project to raise awareness of

online radicalisation of young people is being delivered in partnership with local parents.

Refugees and Migrants

Links have been established with local individuals/groups working with refugees and migrants. The College is currently working with these groups to organize a college/community event to raise positive awareness of these groups.

Amnesty International

Discussions have also taken place with the local Amnesty International Group to provide support for activities on the college Equality Calendar related to raising awareness of Human Rights issues.

ONGO Diversity Steering Group

Links have also been established with ONGO and the college has had a presence at the Diversity Steering Group meeting of this organisation to share good practice.

Community cohesion

An area for development identified from February 2016 onwards is increased work with communities within and outside college to achieve cohesion in line with current government thinking. This will include the following areas of action:

- Monitoring effectiveness of ESOL provision for local communities and progression routes into education and employment
- Raising awareness of and engaging with isolated local communities to develop awareness of education and employment prospects
- Establishment of a Cohesion group to identify strategy and actions related to achieving and supporting community cohesion with membership to include college staff, students and representatives from local communities and community groups

Student Activities in the Community

Students Support Black History Month

Students at North Lindsey College have been encouraged to research and celebrate Black History Month. During Black History Month, we remember and celebrate the key figures recognized for their contribution to society. It is a national event celebrated annually and which started in the UK in 1987.

Life and Work Skills students created their own interpretation of black history and developed a performance based on their findings. Students researched into the history of some of our most famous and inspiring iconic figures in the UK. Mary Seacole, Olaudah Equiano, Mary Prince and Walter Tull were just some of the people included and their life stories that were acted out in the play. The students also researched individuals who are current representatives which included Daly Thompson, Jennifer Ennis and Trevor McDonald.

Melissa Briggs (17) LVPS Student commented, "The performance was fantastic. I really enjoyed playing Mary Prince who was a West Indian Slave. Learning about her life was sad and upsetting."

Eddy Galpin (Activities Manager at Lincolnshire House) brought along residents to the production and commented, "We really enjoyed the performance and it was

brilliant to see the enthusiasm of the students and they really get into the roles. We are developing strong links with the College and it is great for our residents to meet new people and also for the College students to meet people with disabilities.” The College has a broad cultural base amongst its students and it feels that recognising this event each year is important to broaden student awareness. Sport students also participated in an annual football match for ‘Kick Racism out of Football’ to support Black History Month



Students Auction off their Work for Charity

North Lindsey College staff and students raised £657 using old curtains to raise money for Lindsey Lodge Hospice. Students were set the challenge to create an item of clothing made out of an old pair of curtains to be featured on the catwalk at The Wortley House Hotel. The event was supported by the Mayor, College Governors, and representatives of the Lindsey Lodge Hospice.



The College Principal, Anne Tyrrell, used curtains to create a vintage dress which was beautifully modelled by the College’s Executive Secretary, Rachel Marshal. Staff

were also delighted to support this fantastic cause by creating their own masterpieces too. Students from across the College including dance, music, fashion, business, Life and Work Skills and travel contributed to the event. Guests had the pleasure enjoying performances by students during the evening as well.

Anne Tyrrell commented, "Another brilliant evening, showcasing our talented students and staff. Congratulations to everyone involved in putting on such an amazing event, which involved students and staff from across the college. "Our dance team once again excelled themselves with some of the students giving individual performances - fantastic preparation for their own auditions for prestigious drama schools and universities - we wish them every success. We were also introduced to a new dance group 'IncluShine' formed by our Life and Work Skills students.

The fashion show was fantastic, everything made from curtains, where our talented students and staff wowed us with their designs and creativity. Hair and beauty students worked throughout the afternoon to prepare our models - once again students and staff working together. I would like to thank the organisers, designers, models, performers, musicians, entertainers, hairdressers, beauticians, dancers, singers, event organisers, photographers and everyone that was involved for such a worthwhile cause and all the proceeds going to Lindsey Lodge Hospice."

Karis Jepson (Apprentice Administrator) modelled one of the creations and commented, "It was a privilege to be part of the fundraising event. The students had worked very hard to make the event a success. The hairdressing student's did a great job on my hair which took two and a half hours and it worked really well with the vintage theme. Lindsey Lodge Hospice helped my Nana when she had cancer so it felt rewarding to give something back.

Stemming Space Exploration

Local primary schools touchdown at North Lindsey College for a primary space exploration resources event. Aimed at primary teachers, the event took place in the Colleges STEM Academy. The event gave teachers the opportunity to learn about space exploration and how it can be embedded into STEM based provision to inspire and engage pupils. The event was held at the College on the Thursday 26 November and forms part of a series of events run by the College for primary schools. The College is planning to launch a Children's University in the New Year and this was the first forerunner event.



Schools had the scope to access a range of resources put together by the National STEM Centre. The resources were focused around Tim Peake's mission to the International Space Station, which took place on 15 December 2015. He is the first British ESA astronaut to visit the Space Station.

Tim Peake states, in a video published by the National STEM Centre, that achieving your goals requires hard work and commitment and there is no doubt that science and technology will be at the heart of solving many of the challenges that humanity faces. He hopes that the resources put together by the National STEM Centre and ESERO-UK will inspire a new generation of young people.

Adam Downs, Science Co-ordinator at Winterton Junior School commented, "The resources and ideas will help enhance STEM related teaching and activities. The event is also a good networking opportunity for schools to meet and share ideas." Teachers had the opportunity to explore the range of resources presented by Mike Cargill, STEM Partnership Manager at the College. The session was interactive and teachers had the chance to put the resources under the microscope and try them out for themselves. Activities in the Rosetta Primary Resources Book included lesson ideas on: the planets, falling stars, meteorites, soft landing, weight on celestial bodies, distance in the solar system and solar power.

Paula Richardson, Deputy Headteacher at Killingholme Primary School commented, "We attended the event as we want to promote scientific thinking in a cross curricular way."

Mike Cargill, STEM Partnership Manager at the College, commented, "We want to support primary schools in delivering a curriculum rich in technical challenges, STEM content and real world experiences."

North Lincolnshire's very own Children's University to launch in 2016...

School children from across North Lincolnshire will soon be donning caps and gowns as The Children's University comes to the region. The venture, spearheaded by

North Lindsey College, is part of a national organisation aimed at providing exciting out-of-school activities to develop new interests and acquire new skills for 5 -14 year olds. The project will run in conjunction with a number of local partners.

The launch event in February 2016 will feature the first cohort of children who have signed up for the Children's University. They will then be the first children to have their Passports to Learning stamped by North Lincolnshire's Children's University. Mick Lochran, Deputy Principal at North Lindsey College, said: "The project is an exciting programme of stimulating learning opportunities for young children across North Lincolnshire. The focus is on raising aspirations and encouraging engagement with learning. I am delighted the College is bringing so many key stakeholders together for the mutual benefit of our school children."

The Children's University has over 500 primary school children enrolled across 9 schools and will be officially launched at the College's new STEM centre on the 18th February.

Children Fly to Lapland from North Lindsey College!

School children embark on a make-believe trip to Lapland to see Father Christmas courtesy of Iron Air at North Lindsey College. Festive fun was experienced for over forty children from St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy with a little help from North Lindsey College students.



The joyful treat was organised by the students in Travel and Tourism department at North Lindsey College who were assessed in events management for providing the service to the children. Jade Scott-Deeley (17) commented, "All our hard work paid off with the grotto and preparing all the activities. It was really nice to see all the children today and seeing their excitement for Christmas." After receiving their very own Kingsway Airlines passport the children came on board the College's very own aircraft to take an imaginary trip to Lapland.

The in-flight visual programme consisted of a scenic view to the winter wonderland after being supplied with refreshments on board the airline. After the flight had ended the children arrived at Santa's grotto to pay him and his elves a visit before having a festive story and participating in Christmas crafts. Nylah Miller (aged 5, St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy) commented,

“My favourite bit was making Rudolph’s food which we will sprinkle outside at Christmas. The aeroplane was good and we got to have a drink on it. I am going to ask Santa for some Play-Doh, a mermaid tail and a princess castle.”

Miss Fenwick from St Bernadette’s Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy commented, “The students have been fantastic and have been an absolute credit to the College. The children were so excited when they found out about the surprise trip. The students have provided lots of activities and we would love to do this again. It has been excellent this year.”

North Lindsey College launches the Childrens University in February 2016 which is for primary school activities. The College aims to engage with pupils across the age groups - primary and secondary to support schools in raising aspirations and to help raise awareness to young people about the employment opportunities ahead of them.

Caring Students Raise Money at College

Two North Lindsey College students and a lecturer have raised money to thank the Air Ambulance Service for helping a student who was recently involved in a serious road traffic accident. Fantastic support and generosity was expressed by all the students in the Childcare department to show their support towards their friend, Bethany Johnson, and have so far raised £420 for the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. The two students Callum Chambers, Jacob Shaw and their lecturer Danny Fenwick felt they needed to do something for Beth but also for the services that helped save her life. The brave three took it in turns to have a painful leg wax in front of hundreds of staff and students. Two beauty therapy students carried out the leg waxing. Callum Chambers (20) studying on the Level 3 Certificate in Childcare commented, “When I heard what had happened I wanted to help. The support was good and having a good turnout also helped. I am sure Beth would be pleased that we are all supporting her.”

The Air Ambulance had to help the student at the scene of the accident and rush Bethany to Hull hospital where she is making steady progress. The family came to the fundraising event and felt overwhelmed by the support and care expressed to them by the College and the staff in the Childcare department.

Andrea Kelly (Bethany’s Cousin) commented, “As a family we are absolutely overwhelmed from the support and love that the College has shown to Beth in her short time studying at the College. “It is a miracle that Beth is still here when she was only given 24 hours to live by the doctors. She will have a long recovery but is showing positive signs every day.

Without the Air Ambulance being on the scene and taking Beth to the hospital she might not have been here. On behalf of Beth we know she would be so thankful for everything that the staff and students are doing and I hope she will be able to thank you herself soon. Patsy Brooker has been an absolute credit to the College and has been so caring by delivering messages and keeping everybody informed.” Danny Fenwick (Childcare Curriculum Leader) commented, “If I’m honest the experience was very painful but it was for a good cause. It was fantastic for the family members to come and see. The Air Ambulance is a very expensive service but every little helps. Beth would have loved this and it has been a fantastic team effort.” The Childcare department are looking at other ideas to help reach their target of £2000 and welcome any suggestions and donations.

Students Help in the Community

Students from North Lindsey College receive glowing praise from a local community café. Opened in 1972 the Central Community Centre on Lindum Street not only offers hot food in the café but also provides a community feel with services and activities to access. The café is solely charity based and the profits are being turned around to improve the building.



The centre has been specifically helping students studying on the Life and Work Skills programmes and gaining this vital work experience has enabled students with learning difficulties to benefit from learning practically. The students have been tasked with a variety of responsibilities including clearing tables, stock control, kitchen duties and customer services.

Every day of the week incorporates a different activity for customers including bingo, Zumba, dominoes, bowls, art club and languages. The café opens every day and serves hot food until 4.00pm. The venue also hires out rooms for functions and has close relations with Mencap and Cloverleaf and offers various channels for advice and support.

Paul Childs (Teaching Assistant) commented, "This is a prime example of the College and community working together for a mutual benefit. Our students have benefitted in terms of skills learnt and personal confidence."

Students who have had this type of work experience can then progress onto a pre-internship, then advance onto an internship and then onto a paid apprenticeship. Cyril Nottingham (Chairman of Central Community Centre) who runs the Centre commented "We feel we have created a brilliant partnership with the College supporting young learners with placement opportunities within our busy community centre and hope this can continue in the future.

North Lindsey College returned as winners from the Community Champion Awards after being recognised for their fantastic contributions in the community.



The annual awards evening sponsored by the Scunthorpe Telegraph is now in its fourth year and recognises people within the community who make a real difference to many individuals and their lives.

Staff from North Lindsey College scooped two awards at the event, with many of our former students also being recognised with awards for their hard work and achievements. Former beauty students Holly Commons won the Outstanding Achievement Young Award sponsored by North Lindsey College and Sean Tooby won the Young Sports Achiever of the Year Award sponsored by the College.

The College's Progression and Achievement Coaches picked up an award for their Outstanding Contribution to a Learning Community. Their support comes in abundance to ensure all the students have the support and skills to take them onto their next stages in life whether that is onto University or into employment.

Diane Salter (Progression and Achievement Coach) commented, "It was an honour to represent the College and to be recognised for all the hard work we do. We support all of our students on their journey to make sure they succeed in life and are prepared for their next steps."

Alan Rayment (Manager of Kingsway Fitness Suite) also received an award for Sports Achiever of the Year. He commented, "After attending the awards last night it really makes you feel proud to be part of the wider community. We have so many Community Champions in North Lincolnshire and there were some amazing stories. To collect the winner's trophy for Sport Achiever of the Year was fantastic, I enjoy helping others achieve their sporting goals and strive to ensure all can enjoy sport."

The event was held at the Baths Hall with a meal and entertainment was provided by Broughton Primary Choir, Outwood Academy Foxhills Dance Club and Scunthorpe Cooperative Junior Choir.

The event was filmed by Know Media, who recently were awarded a start-up Business Award by North Lindsey College at their awards ceremony in October.