

## Leeds United FC

Theme	Key Words
"Getting the Best from Partnerships"	Mentoring & mentor support Extending Learning Networks
<p>A network of partnerships with business, the community, schools, colleges, ITT providers and private individuals has been nurtured by the Learning Zone to provide volunteer mentors for each study support session.</p> <p>Mentoring staff work citywide to recruit, train, accredit and support the volunteers, aged 14-70+, who add massive value to the programmes we run.</p> <p>A mentor who had set up a clinic in a children's village in South Africa presented to KS2 and KS3 PfS pupils. Blind mentors have read with and discussed issues with pupils.</p> <p>Businesses have fulfilled Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) requirements by providing mentors, and have benefited from staff development. Recently 100% of business mentors chose to continue for a further term.</p> <p>Our Learning Network has become extended through partnerships. The Learning Zone reaches out to "Silver Surfers" through a link with Leeds Federated Housing association. Our Bus Driver (seconded through a partnership with First Group) is ex RAF, and recently organised a prizewinners' trip to the home of the Red Arrows, forging a further partnership with RAF Scampton.</p> <p>Broomfield Special Inclusive Learning Centre (SILC) are to train Learning Zone staff to support pupils with special needs and Multiple Learning Difficulties (MLD). Mentors have received training on non-verbal learners and have used this to inform their practice as tutors.</p>	