

Yorkshire Universities Economic Pledge

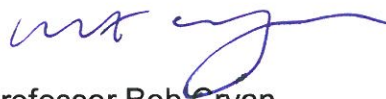
At the 12 March 2009 Board meeting of Yorkshire Universities it was agreed that the member institutions would commit to the following economic pledge:

1. We will pay promptly.
2. We will use procurement to ensure we benefit the local economy where we can.
3. We will support local business to get good information on contacts and opportunities with the universities and higher education colleges.
4. We will support local business to get good information on business support opportunities provided by Business Link and Yorkshire Forward link.
5. We will notify university vacancies to Job Centre Plus to ensure people who lose their jobs can be made aware of opportunities with the universities.
6. We will, finances permitting, bring forward refurbishment and maintenance work to help keep businesses going in the downturn.
7. We will ensure we work to build and promote the skills of our citizens so they are ready to exploit employment opportunities.
8. We will work to develop the local economy in preparation to take up future economic opportunities.

Signed by



Rt Hon Rosie Winterton MP
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