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Tender

Provision of Cumbria Adult Learning Services 2026/2027

Westmorland and Furness Council

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Scope

Reference

DN807633

Description

Cumbria Adult Learning is looking to develop a range of partnerships with subcontracted providers to help us:

- Provide additional capacity in specific curriculum and geographic areas not covered by our own Adult Learning Centres
- Specialist Provision (e.g. horticulture, STEM - science, logistics, technology, engineering, and mathematics, health and care)
- Provision to support rural isolation
- Specific target group - LDD, employability

Cumbria Adult Learning are inviting submissions by training providers to deliver

subcontracted provision to meet the gaps outlined in our rationale. This provision will consist of accredited skills qualifications which must be available for funding on the DfE Find a Learning Aim System - <https://findalearningaimbeta.fasst.org.uk/>

This contract is for the provision accredited qualifications in Cumbria. The contract will be for a period of 1 academic year from 1st August 2026 to 31st July 2027.

The total contracted value will not exceed £800k over the 12-month period.

Further details are included in the Invitation to Tender documents, available via The Chest. All clarifications regarding the tender documents must be directed via the messages area of the project dashboard. Any queries regarding using The Chest: <https://procontract.due-north.com> - please use the support available from the home page.

Total value (estimated)

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

19 March 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

27 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

5 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	100%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Westmorland and Furness Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYYD-1758-YNVR

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government