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We have put together some of the more common questions that we have been asked about the Employment and Skills Board and its role. If there is any topic not covered here to which you would like an answer, please [contact us](#).

When was the Employment and Skills Board set up?

The Lincolnshire and Rutland Employment and Skills board was established in 2009 with the aim of boosting economic development through improving skills in the local workforce. Millions of pounds are invested in learning and skills through national funding and the board hopes to provide the local, 'knowledge link' needed to draw in and direct the funding. After the creation of the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership the Board extended its boundaries and is now the Greater Lincolnshire Employment and Skills Board.

Who is on the Board?

Sixteen volunteers sit on the board, drawn from a cross section of industries and organisations across the area.

How is the Board supported?

The volunteer board is supported by a project manager, who acts as conduit between the partners and the board. She supports the work of the board through her role within the LEP team.

How is the Board funded?

The board operates on a voluntary basis with support for project management funded through Greater Lincolnshire LEP. This support was provided by Lincolnshire County Council from 2011 – 2015 following the demise of the Regional Development Agency who funded this project prior to March 2011.

Does the Board have any spending powers?

No, the board does not control any funds directly. Its main role is to highlight local needs and give the employer voice, to facilitate the direction of funding made through other bodies. It provides strategic and specialist skills advice to the main LEP Board. More recently it has led the development of a number of ESF tender specifications to ensure the local needs are addressed.