

Neighbour Training



Autumn is here, bringing with it all things beginning with A - apples, acorns....and of course, Apprenticeships! You may have read in the media how they are forming a core part of both the Government's and Opposition's strategy for the economy. It has even been suggested that Government contracts in the future will only be awarded to those organisations with apprenticeships in place – Apprenticeships are that important!

In the South East

On 27th September, Surrey County Council kicked off the Surrey 200 Apprenticeship Initiative with The Surrey Youth Festival at Epsom Racecourse, to encourage organisations to train apprentices.

The Surrey Chambers of Commerce, Surrey SATRO, a young people's charity, the Association of Learning Providers in Surrey (this includes us) and the National Apprenticeship Service are all supporting this campaign.

The Council itself is continuing to take on apprentices and we are working hand in hand with them as a Preferred Provider.

Please see overleaf for the full story of an interesting day for employers, learners and future apprentices.



Our photo shows Gillian Neighbour presenting a prize to Freddy of George Abbot school.

Enlightenment Partnership Ltd

Government changes to Apprenticeship administration have led to Neighbour Training joining forces with two other training providers: - Oakleigh Training and Development and N&B Training under the umbrella company Enlightenment Partnership Ltd. The three organisations are able to offer a wide range of apprenticeships.

For more information please see the news page on our web site.

Important Changes to the National Minimum Wage—please read as this affects ALL employers!

NMW rates are reviewed each year by the Low Pay Commission and from 1st October:

- ➔ The main rate for 21 and over—£6.08
- ➔ 18-20—£4.98 & 16-17— £3.68
- ➔ For apprentices under 19, or 19 and over and in the first year of their apprenticeship the rate will increase to £2.60 (On completion of the apprenticeship, pay **must** be raised to NMW)
- ➔ Please see our web site : www.neighbour-training.co.uk for further information on NMW and apprentices.

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NT's Sarah Carter presents a prize to George of Bishop Wand C of E School.

The Surrey Youth Festival was jointly organised by Surrey County Council and the Association of Learning Providers in Surrey. It gave us a great opportunity to meet with local employers, several hundred potential Apprentices from participating schools and later in the day, youngsters currently without a job.

Interactive

“Provide an interactive stand that will engage young people” was the brief!! Easy if you are involved in car mechanics. You bring along a car to take apart and put together again!

For the training we provide - less hands on and more office based - this was a challenge.

Quiz

We decided on a quiz based on rolling dice for numbers between 1 & 66 and answering questions on Maths, English, I.T and general knowledge with an hourly prize of a £15 iTunes voucher.

For the six hours that we ran this competition the following schools produced the winners:

- Robert - Jubilee High School.
- Daniel - Collingwood College.
- Josh - Royal Alexandra & Albert School.
- Ben - Guildford County School.
- George - Bishop Wand C of E School &
- Freddy - George Abbot.

Congratulations to our knowledgeable winners!



Joshua of The Royal Alexander and Albert School with his prize.

It was a long but fulfilling day, 0700 to 1900hrs starting with an Employers' breakfast which attracted 120+ local Employers, followed by 50 participating schools prescheduled throughout the day (thank goodness) resulting in excess of 1600 pupils and ending with young people looking for employment or education. (At this moment there are over 2550 young people aged 18 - 24 who are unemployed in Surrey)

The day was considered to be so successful that it will be funded again next year.

We have a year in which to come up with another “interactive” stand. Your ideas would be most welcome!



John Davey presents Daniel of Collingwood College with his iTunes voucher.