



Jobseekers look to future careers at Apprenticeship Jobs Fair

Hundreds of people had the chance to find out more about career opportunities with top employers at an Apprenticeship Jobs Fair.

The event at our Tottenham Centre to mark National Apprenticeship Week featured a host of national and local business and organisations.

It covered a wide range of industries, including catering, hospitality, construction, childcare, health and social care, engineering, engineering and finance.

Among the employers were Brown Eagle, Denbre, Hanover Building Services, Berkeley Group, Eagle Nursery, Next Steps, The Army, HMRC, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Whittington Health NHS Trust.

Sarah Bello, 41, who attended the fair, said: "I've been looking at a career in health or childcare. Today has been really useful. I've been able to get more information about the types of work you can do, see what suits me and how I can venture into it."

National Apprenticeship Week is a Government initiative that celebrates the success of apprenticeships while encouraging people to choose an apprenticeship as a pathway to a great career.

Stav Aristotle-Hill, Apprenticeship Programme Manager at Berkeley Group, said: "Events like these are really beneficial for us.



Students Sian Young and Elizabeth Tesfa try to figure out how to get a straw through a potato as part of an ice-breaker ahead of being introduced to their business mentors.

"They give us the opportunity to interact with prospective apprentices who may not have considered an apprenticeship and find out about the property industry and what jobs they can do in it."

Businesses hail event on starting an apprenticeship as 'very beneficial'

Businesses welcomed the chance to discover more about starting up an apprenticeship at an event hosted at our Enfield Centre.

More than 60 employers attended the #ApprenticeshipsNow event in May to find out about vocational training, the Apprenticeship Levy and other funding reforms.

Visitors also had the opportunity to take a tour of CONEL and see some of the cutting edge technology, workshops and facilities used to train apprentices.

Tufael Aliahmed, Client Relationship Manager at Step Ahead, said: "As an organisation we were not sure how the Levy affected small and medium businesses.

"We can now go back speak to the employers we target with the correct information, so it's been very beneficial to us."

Naomi Taylor, Education and Training Manager at Vauxhall City Farm, said: "It was really valuable to hear about the range of apprenticeships available."

The event also featured presentations by Enfield Council and Haringey Council, which focused on regeneration, economic development and employment.

The Apprenticeship Levy

The Apprenticeship Levy, which came into effect in May 2017, requires all businesses with an annual pay bill of more than £3million to invest 0.5% of their monthly pay bill in apprenticeships.

For more information visit www.conel.ac.uk/employers



What the employers say

"I've been very impressed by the depth and breadth of learning experiences offered by the college. The apprentices have been really lucky to get such excellent training. It is the best I've ever seen."

Nick Wells,
Labour Manager at VGC Group



"We invest in our apprentices so that they will become part of our skilled and motivated workforce, and see this as an exciting opportunity for new and existing staff."

Charlotte Johnson, Head of Learning and Development at Whittington Health NHS



CONEL apprenticeships prosper with OIF loan scheme

Employers are reaping the benefits of offering more apprenticeships with CONEL through a council-run funding scheme.

The Opportunity Investment Fund (OIF) is a £3.6 million business loan fund provided jointly by Haringey Council and the Mayor of London.

The loans provide financial support for new and existing businesses to generate jobs, improve work space or purchase equipment.

For more information on the OIF visit www.tottenham.london/oif.



Johanna Willard, 22, completed a Business Administration apprenticeship at Redemption Brewing Company in Tottenham after it secured a OIF loan.

Accountancy apprentice with 'talent and drive' wins trip to New York

An aspiring accountant with "talent and drive" has won a trip to New York for her outstanding work during her Apprenticeship.

Bola Lawal, 22, was part of the Accounting Academy at CONEL, run in partnership with Leadership Through Sport and Business (LTSB).

She was presented with the prize after being named Apprentice of the Year by LTSB, which helps young people from disadvantaged backgrounds secure jobs in the financial sector.

She gained her AAT Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications at CONEL where she received an Excellence Award in 2016.

"The apprenticeship was very good in relating what I have been learning at the College to what I am doing at work every day." said Bola.

"The tutors cover every aspect of the subject and have always been very helpful and supportive."



Rail engineering apprentices start work on London Underground

Aspiring rail engineers have secured apprenticeships working on London Underground with engineering giant Kelly Rail.

Kelly Rail is part of Kelly Group and one of largest rail contractors in the UK specialising in signalling, telecommunications, electrification and civil engineering.

The new apprentices were chosen by the company after completing a pre-apprenticeship in Rail Track Engineering at the College's Enfield Centre.

They are now working on London Underground with some additional work on Network Rail sites.

Rail apprentice Mohammad Ali, 20, said: "I'm really enjoying it, It's helping me to achieve what I want to in life, and I really appreciate what the College has done for me."

The Kelly Rail apprentices follow another group from the College who were offered rail engineering Apprenticeships with VGC Group in October 2016.

Why choose an apprenticeship with CONEL?

- One of the largest and most diverse ranges of apprenticeships in London.
- Over 30 years' experience in running apprenticeships.
- Top further education college in London and among the top 20 nationally for employment satisfaction 2015/16.
- We work with around 370 employers to train over 1,000 apprentices each year.
- Our apprenticeship achievement rate 2015/16 was 6.5% above the national average.
- No tuition fees, unlike university where you pay up to £9,000 a year.
- 95% of employers we work with are satisfied with the training we provide.
- Highly qualified, industry experienced tutors who are experts in their field.
- A dedicated Apprenticeship Team to support you throughout your training.

'Apprenticeships are the way forward'

What our apprentices say



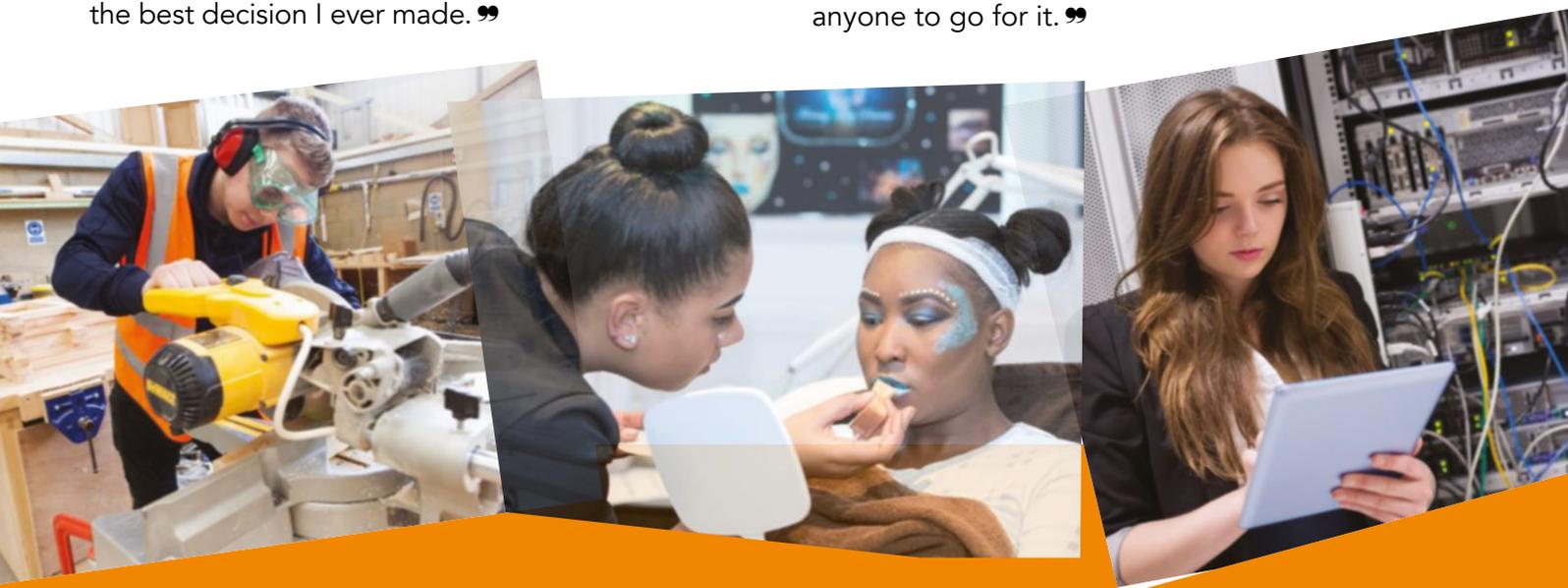
Georgia Hughes Clinical Care Apprentice

“ I've been able to get hands on experience and understand hospital protocols and the way the different roles work. Doing an apprenticeship was the best decision I ever made. ”



Elwinus Leon Construction Apprentice

“ Being able to earn and learn without getting in to debt is definitely the best option. Apprenticeships are the way forward and I would recommend anyone to go for it. ”



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