Solihull Apprenticeship Show

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How to make the most of the show

Welcome to the Solihull Apprenticeship Show, organised by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council through Solihull Careers Hub. Here are some tips to make sure that you have the best possible experience.



Research apprenticeships - compare the opportunities and challenges over going to university. You will find some useful information here and here. Read about the exhibitors here, check out their social media - could you imagine working there?

Prepare questions to ask apprentices at the event. Here are some examples:

- What are the most important skills needed to do your role?
- Is it what you expected?
- Have you experienced or learnt things you weren't expecting?





This is your chance to speak to current apprentices - they have been where you are now, use it to ask questions and listen! It is also an opportunity to have informal conversations with employers - this is great experience for whatever you choose to do next.



Apprenticeship Show Employers



Solihull Council's HR Employment Services Team manage all apprenticeships across the Council.

We currently have over 160 apprentices (both new and existing staff) undertaking apprenticeships ranging from level 2 up to level 7 (degree). Given the diversity of the work at the Council, our apprenticeships cover a variety of subjects including:

- Business Admin
- Customer Services
- Accountancy
- Civil Engineering
- Project Management
- Data Analyst
- Management
- Early Years and Teaching

Did you know the minimum we pay our apprentices is the National Living Wage which is currently £11.44 per hour (£22,068 per annum). This is in addition to other benefits such as 25 days' annual leave rising to 30 days after 5 years' service, flexible working and access to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Come and visit our stand at the Solihull Apprenticeship Show to find out more from us and meet some of our current apprentices.

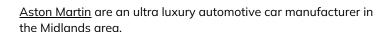
We advertise all our apprenticeships on WM Jobs.



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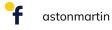
In 2025 we have the following apprenticeships available across the country:





- Engineering
- Project management
- Facilities
- Paint
- Supply Chain





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<u>Balfour Beatty VINCI</u> offer a range of on-site and office based Apprenticeships in the Construction Industry, along the HS2 trainline route.



The <u>British Army</u> offers Armed forces apprenticeships.

There are around 20,000 apprentices on a programme in the armed forces at any one time, ranging from engineering and construction to hospitality and animal care, with new schemes recently developed such as digital information.





Collins Aerospace

Collins Aerospace is a leader in technologically advanced, intelligent solutions that help redefine the aerospace and defense industry.

We dedicate our capabilities, comprehensive portfolio and expertise to solving customers' toughest challenges and meeting the demands of the global market.

Our Marston Green facility is home to around 360 employees and is part of the Power & Controls business unit within Collins Aerospace. We are a Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul facility that specialize in Engine Control Systems products for a variety of applications.

We offer Level 3 Engineering Apprenticeships in both Hydromechanical and Electronics disciplines.



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In the same group we have Harvey Nash, a leading global professional services organisation. With 36 offices across Europe, USA and Asia Pacific with 9 in the UK. We're equipped with a unique network that realises the potential of where talent and technology meet. Harvey Nash are currently developing an Academy in Recruitment to expand their apprenticeship programmes.







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Dodd Group

<u>Dodd Group</u> is dedicated to keeping a regular stream of new talent through its apprenticeship programmes because it is passionate about giving the future generation of building services engineers opportunities.

Dodd Group can provide a rich and varied experience because we work in a variety of industries. Some apprenticeships include a three-month rotation on various contracts so you can explore various workplaces and work cultures. Each rotation will conclude with a "handover" meeting to your next site and a written touchdown evaluation to evaluate and confirm learning, as well as to identify strengths and deficiencies.

An alternative is to choose a permanent site-based apprenticeship where you will work on a single project for the whole apprenticeship period. Whichever path you decide on, you'll be rewarded with the finest possible start in this exciting sector.





<u>Fortem</u> have developed over 350 apprentices to become skilled, competent workers, in either the trade or office field, that have become ambassadors of our business. Our award-winning apprenticeships offer the chance to learn life-long skills in our workplace whilst studying for a qualification at the same time.

Part of our 'Growing Our Own' initiative is that we believe that the development and training of our apprentices is key to our success and that's why we are delighted to have expanded our programme by recruiting Business Apprentices as well as our respected Trades People.







<u>GMI Construction Group Plc</u> is a national award winning UK Main Contractor providing specialist design and build capabilities, spanning across multiple sectors in the Construction Industry.



We are a main contractor in the construction industry, with a head office in Yorkshire, but also operating from the Midlands, Northwest and Northeast. We offer a multitude of apprenticeships, a various levels for 2/3 up to 7, and in areas such as IT, Finance, Quantity Surveying, Site Management, Business Administration.



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J<u>LR</u> is evolving the world of modern automotive luxury. We create era-defining vehicles across four distinct brands with profound cultural influence. Range Rover, Discovery, Defender and Jaguar.



We recruit to a number of different apprenticeship pathways:

- Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing or Automotive Apprenticeship
- Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship Engineering
- Level 6 Digital and Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship
- Level 6 Applied Professional Engineering Degree Apprenticeship
- Level 6 Supply Chain and Logistics or Supply Chain & Procurement Degree Apprenticeship
- Level 7 Finance Apprenticeship





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National Grid owns, maintains and develops the high voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales. Our business areas play a vital role in connecting millions of people to the energy they use, while continually seeking ways to make the energy system cleaner.

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We offer Advanced Apprenticeships and Higher Apprenticeships where you can gain a gualification from level 3 to level 6 over 2-5 years whilst gaining paid work experience.

The programs we offer range from engineering oriented roles such as Overhead lines Craftsperson, Substation operative or Power systems Engineer to corporate programs including Finance, HR and Project management.



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NEC Group is the UKs leading live events business operating in exhibitions, conferences, music, sports, family entertainment and hospitality.

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Our vision is to be Europe's most successful live events business. operating leading leisure, entertainment and business destinations.

We run a successful Apprenticeship program in a range of vocational areas which include culinary, hospitality, electrical, business, live event technician, IT, finance and many more.



NEC Group







<u>Network Rail</u> - We own, repair and develop the railway infrastructure in England, Scotland and Wales.

That's 20,000 miles of track, 30,000 bridges, tunnels and viaducts and the thousands of signals, level crossings and stations. We manage 20 of the country's largest stations, while all the rest – over 2,500 – are run by the train operating companies.

L3 Finance, L3 Rail Engineering, L3 Rail Operations, L6 Surveyor, L6 Digital & Technology

<u>Avanti West Coast</u> - We provide the principal long-distance passenger services on the West Coast Main Line between London, the West Midlands, North West England, North Wales, and Scotland. Its services connect six of the largest cities in the UK: London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, and Edinburgh, which have a combined metropolitan population of over 18 million.



<u>Platform Housing Group</u> owns and manages more than 49,000 homes across the Midlands. Platform provides homes for affordable and social rent as well as offering shared ownership. It also runs supported housing schemes and retirement living accommodation right across the region. As well as providing homes, Platform offers a range of support services.

With almost 2000 employees, Platform offers a large range of apprenticeships from trades to office services.

The <u>Royal Air Force</u> offers over 62 different roles across 11 professions including Engineering, Aircrew, Air and Space Operations, Cyberspace, Intelligence, Logistics, Medical Services, Hospitality, People Operations, Security and Resilience.



We offer over 20 award-winning apprenticeships which provide industry recognised professional qualifications, as part of a challenging and unique career. You'll have a guaranteed job in your chosen role once you've completed your apprenticeship alongside benefits that include opportunities to travel, play sports and take part in adventurous training activities. If you are up for the challenge - come and Find Your Force!







At <u>Rolls-Royce</u>, we pioneer cutting-edge technologies that deliver clean, safe and competitive solutions to meet our planet's vital energy needs. Whether you want to create the future of sustainable flight, be at the cutting-edge of electrification, or develop your business skills in a leading, global company, you'll find you belong with us. We've created a welcoming, inclusive environment where you can be your best.

Join us as an apprentice and you'll contribute to our ground-breaking work.

We have a wide range of apprenticeships, spanning the breadth of engineering and business and are open to everyone completing school or college, or looking for a career change. Whichever programme you join, you can expect all the training and qualifications you need and the support to develop your skills and knowledge. You'll be working on live projects, earning as you learn through formal training as well as practical experiences, and working alongside technical or business experts.

We'll help you shape your future and build a great career

SERTEC

It is an exciting time in our history as we continue to invest in new technologies and broaden our engineering expertise and we really believe <u>Sertec</u> offer a fantastic introduction to the automotive industry through our Apprenticeship programmes.







<u>Tarmac</u> are the largest construction materials company in the UK, owned by the global brand CRH. There's so much more to us than meets the eye with a variety of roles that will suit your lifestyle.



We have apprenticeship opportunities based outdoors on site, in one of our offices or you can even find yourself a role that is a mix of both! Our hosts will be on hand to give you details of their apprenticeship experiences and provide advice that can help you identify the right programme for you.







<u>Transport for West Midlands</u> (TfWM) is the public body responsible for co-ordinating transport services in the West Midlands.

Visit our Workwise stand to find information on travel offers like our FREE travel scheme for newly employed including apprentices.

University Hospitals Birmingham

<u>UHB</u> is one of the largest teaching hospital trusts in England, serving a local, regional, national and international population. We employ over 22,000 colleagues and are committed to investing in your training, development, health and wellbeing and future career with us.



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<u>The University of Birmingham</u> Apprenticeship Scheme offers individuals an outstanding opportunity to learn while they earn in a world leading academic and research institution.

You'll study for a nationally-recognised qualification through one of our excellent partner training providers. We offer roles in various fields such as Estates, Hospitality, IT, Business Administration, and more.

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West Midlands Police are the UK's second largest Police force, with 7 Local Policing Areas (LPA) served by over 10,000 Police Officers and Police Staff.



As the second largest force in the country, we have many different departments and teams you can progress your career within Policing ranging from - Counter Terrorism, Regional Organised Crime Unit, Drones, Firearms and so much more.

Not only this, but the West Midlands is home to a diverse community, with over 2.8 million residents in the region – 16% of those residents are from black ethnic minority backgrounds.



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Whale Tankers established in 1969 and are one of the largest manufacturers of liquid waste vacuum tankers and jetting equipment. Our aim is to continually improve the quality and value of our products, through design innovation to maximise durability, reliability, ease of maintenance, fitness for purpose and residual value.

Today, Whale has a modern manufacturing facility at Ravenshaw, with all the key processes carried out in-house. Every stage of the manufacturing process – from technical specification, preparation of chassis, tank build, mounting of tanks, fitting of components, painting, finishing and quality control – take place on site.



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Apprenticeship Show Independent Training Providers

Life is too short for boring work. The fast-paced, ever-changing digital tech world offers exciting career opportunities to help lead businesses into the future.



Through Apprenticeships and Digital Skills Bootcamps, you'll receive top-tier training, cutting-edge facilities, and personalized teaching plans aligned with current and future skill needs.

At <u>althaus</u>, we're dedicated to unleashing the digital leaders of tomorrow, equipping you with the skills to launch your digital career and connect with exciting job opportunities. We offer level 3 apprenticeships in Digital Marketing and ICT.



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 $\underline{\text{BritAsia Tv}}$ is running bootcamps and training programs for learners from Midlands, these are award winning training and mentorship allowing learners to enter the creative industry after the program.



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<u>Birmingham Electrical Training (BET)</u> is the leading provider of Electrical Apprenticeships within the West Midlands.

BET currently offer the Electrical Installation/Maintenance Apprenticeship Standard, this 4 year Apprenticeship allows candidates to become fully qualified electricians on completion.

BET currently trains 500+ apprentices with the support of 250 local and national employers from our dedicated training center in Hockley, Birmingham.

We can support apprentices looking for employment from our close working relationships with local electrical contractors and qualified electricians.



Birmingham Electrical Training



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<u>Creative Alliance</u> exists to support emerging talent overcome the many barriers to creative success, through professional work-based training that provide skills, experience and the opportunity to start a career in the creative, digital and marketing sectors.



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<u>Learning Curve</u> are one of the providers supporting learners to secure their dream apprenticeships through the Path 2 Apprenticeships programme.



Available exclusively to Birmingham and Solihull learners, our 6 week programme gives learners an insight into the Health & Social Care and Logistics & Warehousing industries and enables them to gain skills sought after by employers.

At the end of the 6 week programme learners are connected with employers with available apprenticeship vacancies in a vast range of roles within Health & Social Care and Logistics.



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Engineers design, maintain, manufacture, create, invent and innovate. At MGTS we offer Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing Engineering apprenticeships and work in partnership with a diverse range of employers creating the next generation of engineering talent.

With a variety of Pathways to choose from you can be sure of an exciting, rewarding career.







NHS England's Choices College is a national, specialist college providing tailored educational support, work experience and a supported internship programme for young people aged 16-24 with learning difficulties, disabilities and/or Autism.

We partner with NHS, local organisations, and private businesses to create supported and meaningful work placements for our learners. We set out to enable young people with LDD/Autism access the work experience they need to gain the skills necessary for employment.



The College is hosted by NHS England as part of the ongoing commitment to improving employment outcomes for vulnerable groups.

Our main aim is to help our interns have the confidence, skills, and abilities to apply for paid work at the end of the academic year together.

Applicants need an active and approved EHCP, be aged 16-24, and have a motivation to work.



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At <u>Nova</u>, there are a wide variety of options for young people aged 16 to 18 regardless of exam results.

Join our new 16 to 18 Pre-Apprenticeship programme and you will have an individual learning plan, matched to your future aspirations which allows you to learn, earn, gain qualifications and progress to employment in your chosen career.



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<u>SCCU</u> is an Ofsted Good apprenticeship training provider based in Coventry but offering a national provision as all our training is remote delivery.

We offer over 25 apprenticeships ranging from Level 2-7 supporting Schools and Businesses

Solihull College & University Centre and Stratford-upon-Avon College cater for those who are leaving school, individuals wishing to progress into higher education and adults wanting to learn new skills.

Offering a variety of courses and apprenticeships, students are prepared for their next step into higher-level study or employment. Courses are offered from beginner right up to degree-level.

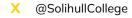


With Solihull College & University Centre's Blossomfield Campus in the heart of Solihull and Woodlands Campus in Smith's Wood, plus Stratford-upon-Avon College's campus in the centre of Stratford, the three Colleges provide great facilities for students across the region.

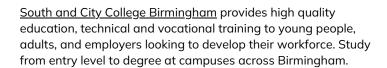
Recent investments include the Centre for Advanced Aeronautical Provision featuring a former Royal Navy Aircraft and state-of-the-art flight simulators, along with brand new Life Science laboratories and the introduction of brand new equipment such as virtual reality software.













We want our learners to succeed and ensure that we provide the right advice and guidance to help them to progress into their chosen career pathway, whether that is through an apprenticeship, T Level, BTEC or higher education.

In addition, we can support with career changes and upskilling so if you are ready for that promotion or need to gain new skills we can help.



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The Development Manager (TDM) is a Tech and Digital training and coaching provider, specialising in the delivery of local and national government funded Retraining Programmes, Career-Entry Apprenticeships and BSc (Hons) Degree Apprenticeships across the West Midlands.

TDM is committed to supporting and developing the skills of learners in IT Infrastructure and Networks, Software Development, Digital Marketing, Data and IT solutions.











The Transport Skills Academy (TSA) is a one-stop resource hub that provides access, knowledge, and training to individuals looking to start or develop their career in the transport sector, delivered by trusted employer Transport for West Midlands (TfWM).

Our apprenticeship programme takes forward the development of new apprenticeship standards, offering apprentices tailored resources to support their sector specific development.

Similarly, the TSA coordinates the promotion and recruitment for TfWM's graduate scheme, helping them to secure a position tailored to their university experience and interests.

Protocol Consultancy Services is an approved Work-Based Training Provider for the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Delivery across WMCA area with a main focus on Birmingham and Solihull.

At Protocol Consultancy Services, we offer professional and accredited pre-apprenticeships, and apprenticeships.

- Pre-Apprenticeship (Study Programme)
- Business Administrator Level 3
- Customer Service Practitioner Level 2
- Customer Service Specialist Level 3
- Digital Support Technician Level 3
- HR Support Level 3
- Multi-Channel Marketer Level 3
- Warehouse Operative Level 2



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A team that prides themselves on their ability to build positive relationships with young people



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Resources



Click on the image to download Solihull Careers Hub parent/carer guide to education, training and employment pathways.

Click on the image to download Solihull Careers Hub young person's guide to education, training and employment pathways.

