



Welcome to PM Training's e-zine

In this edition we bring you news, events and activities since our last e-zine.

For further information about what we do and how we can help individuals, businesses and communities please visit our website www.pmtraining.org.uk or call a member of our team on (01782) 279121.

As always, we welcome your feedback about our e-zine so please contact us with any comments.

With best wishes, Will Nixon



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PM Training, which provides more than 1,000 job and training opportunities for teenagers every year, is the top performer in the area for the programme, run on behalf of the Learning and Skills Council.

It is the 5th year running that PM Training has led the field.

Currently a record 71% of young people taking part in the E2E programme through PM Training, successfully progressed into full time education, apprenticeships or jobs.

This success rate is around 20% higher than the Staffordshire average.

However, PM Training is further committed to tackling youth unemployment in North Staffordshire, an area with some of the highest levels of

young people not in education, employment or training. Will Nixon, Chief Executive advises: "Entry to Employment provides a real life chance for teenagers who have been hardest hit by the recession."

PM Training offers Entry to Employment intakes for 16-18 year olds every three to four weeks, and all courses are delivered by highly qualified and experienced staff in state-of-the-art facilities.

"Our award-winning organisation can give young people the necessary balance of training, support and real-life skills that will benefit them as individuals and society as a whole," added Will Nixon.

For more information contact Natalie Matthews on (01782) 279121.



Artworks

Did you know that our talents at PM Training reach far beyond our successful services of preparing people for work, apprenticeships, developing your workforce and Homeworks?

Last year PM Training employed two apprentices to produce a spectrum of products, from metal sculptures and other pieces of urban art through to functional metal work, such as car park barriers and smoking shelters.

The range of products also includes items such as wooden benches, bird tables, compost bins, garden planters and window boxes. All of which are produced to a high quality and competitively priced.

To find out further information about our Artworks service and the portfolio of products available, contact Debbie Lightfoot, Business Development Manager, on (01782) 279121.

PM gets Gold!!

PM Training is this month celebrating 'Gold status' following a recent Investors in People re-accreditation.

PM Training, along with Aspire Housing who were part of the accreditation process, are in the top 3% of businesses in the country achieving this accreditation.



Subsidised Apprenticeships

Here at PM Training, we have helped more than 10,000 people across North Staffordshire into sustainable jobs and apprenticeships which have enabled hundreds of companies to benefit from increased productivity and staff retention.

We are pleased to announce a pioneering initiative inviting businesses to benefit from talented apprentices for **up to two months at no cost.**

We provide significant apprenticeship opportunities across a variety of sectors including construction trades, business administration, engineering, landscaping, manufacturing, customer services and warehousing and distribution.

Our Chief Executive Will Nixon explains "We have been supporting and supplying apprentices to companies for many years. Many have found that apprentices who are learning on the job are much more likely to hit the ground running when given a permanent position than someone who has no practical experience. This can save a company a great deal of time and money and help increase their productivity."

As part of the subsidised apprenticeship programme, any company can put itself forward to benefit from this valuable resource.

To take advantage of this opportunity please contact Steve Rushton, Training Manager on (01782 279121)





100th Employee

Nathan Gabri is PM Training's 100th employee. He has been appointed Administration Assistant in the company's MIS Team.

Nathan's appointment has been funded through the Government's Future Jobs Fund – a new initiative that aims to create 170,000 additional jobs nationally primarily aimed at 18-24 year olds who have been out of work for nearly a year.

Nathan, who is 22 and lives in May Bank, had struggled to find employment for some time after attending College to gain Maths, English and IT qualifications.

'Finding a job was very difficult' he says. 'The number of job applicants and the fact that companies were demanding experienced candidates meant that I often didn't even make it to the interview stage.'

'The local JET Business Centre secured me the interview at PM Training and I was delighted to be offered the position. I am gaining invaluable work experience and feel I now have a chance of a long term career.'

Since December 2009, 10 new roles have been created through the Future Jobs Fund across the Aspire Group. All have benefited 18-24 year olds living in North Staffordshire.

Need administration support?

Do you have administration vacancies that can be filled with a business administration or customer service apprentice?

Or may be your business has administration work that could be completed by PM Training?

Our newly opened Customer Service Centre provides young people who may be interested in pursuing a career in customer service, business administration or IT to gain work experience in a mock office environment undertaking 'real' administration.

If you are looking to recruit a business administration or customer service apprentice or know of a young person who would be interested in joining the centre, please contact Julie Hallam, Customer Service Centre Manager on (01782) 279121.

Furthermore, if you would like to explore the possibility of the Customer Service Centre undertaking administration duties for your business please contact Julie.



Funding secured for 23 apprenticeships benefiting 14 companies

As you may have seen in the national media, the Government have been offering small and medium sized organisations financial support to take on 16 – 17 year old apprentices by 31st March 2010.

700 grants have been available in the West Midlands region and PM Training has been busy helping local employers access the grants and take on apprentices.

We secured grants totalling £57,500 and found twenty three 16 – 17 year olds an apprenticeship with local employers.

For further information about apprenticeship needs you have or funding we may be able to seek for you, please contact us on (01782) 279121.

Women in Construction 2010



PM Training celebrated the Women in Construction campaign by hosting an event at its newly refurbished offices.

The girls attending the event each completed taster sessions in Building Services, Fabrication and Painting.

During the Building Services session the girls learnt how pipe work is joined together, using solder and flux, they were able to have a go and produced some work to an excellent standard.

The Fabrication session enabled the girls to 'mark out', plan and use forming and cutting machinery, each making a small shovel that they were able to

take home at the end of the day.

Annette Bennett, Trades Team Manager at Aspire, took part in the session and was available to discuss career options with the girls.

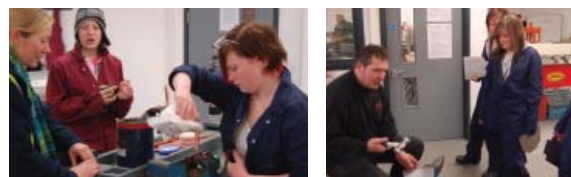
Finally, the girls were taught marbling techniques during the painting session. Current Aspire Painting and Decorating Apprentice Emma Wake was on hand to assist the trainer and to mentor the girls during the session.

The feedback session at the end of the day showed it to have been a huge success – with a couple of the girls showing a genuine interest in Electrical and Bricklaying Apprenticeships.

Forthcoming events ▶▶

Real Apprentice Showcase
Thursday 22nd April 2010
3.30pm – 8.00pm,
Britannia Stadium

PM Training will be showcasing their services of apprenticeships and NVQ's at this career event aimed at young people in year 10, 11 and 12 and apprenticeships as well as parents/guardians



What's new ▶▶

PM Training will soon be able to offer level 2 and 3 Housing Apprenticeships and NVQ's to the housing sector and individuals working within a housing related job role.

For further information about offering a housing apprenticeship placement or completing the apprenticeship or NVQ, please contact Debbie Lightfoot, Business Development Manager on (01782) 279121.