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National Apprenticeship Show

We are delighted that the National Apprenticeship Show is sponsoring this edition of the **MK Jobs Newspaper**.

The National Apprenticeship Show is being held at Arena MK next to the MK Dons Stadium on 12 & 13 March 2018. There are over 100 companies taking part in the National Apprenticeship Show and it is a must visit for anyone looking to start their career. Take a look at their double page spread in the middle of this issue and the full range of companies and organisations taking part.

The event is free to visit, just register at www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org.uk



Photo of the National Apprenticeship Show, Arena MK, Milton Keynes.

London Job Shows

The organisers of the MK Job Show also organise two London Job Shows.

The London Job Shows are being held at Westfield Stratford City on 9 & 10 March 2018 and also at Westfield London in Shepherd's Bush W12 on 27 & 28 April 2018.

With vacancies in areas including nursing and healthcare, finance, marketing, HR, IT, sales, engineering, customer service, driving, logistics, accountancy, Armed Forces, apprenticeships, design and training, there will be a vast range of opportunities to choose from.

There will also be roles for developers, analysts, service engineers and in professional

financial services, retail, leisure and hospitality and management.

Other vacancies that need to be filled include store managers, head office roles, communications, technology, the supply chain and project management, buying, distribution, legal, business services and consultancy.

There will also be plenty of graduate roles too as well as opportunities for those wanting to become, or who are already, self-employed, and both full-time and part-time vacancies.

For a full list of Organisations and Job Titles: check out www.Londonjobshow.co.uk

The MK Job Show took place on 26 & 27 January 2018 at centre:mk, Milton Keynes.

Thousands of people visited the event and spent time meeting over 70 local, regional, national and international businesses and organisations.

"We are delighted with the feed back we have had so far," says Mike Bickerdike the exhibition organiser.

"We have already started to receive feedback that lots of people have received offers from last week's MK Job Show and many of the organisations who took part have reported that the event was the best yet."

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Gone are the days when apprenticeship opportunities were open only for school leavers. If you have ever felt like you've missed your chance at your dream career or perhaps wish you'd done things differently, then you will not want to miss what an apprenticeship could do for you

The Government's drive in recent years to put apprenticeships on an equal footing to university has been remarkable, setting an ambitious target of three million apprenticeship starts by 2020 and for 10% of 16-18 year olds to start an apprenticeship.

But why only 16-18 year olds? Apprenticeships are a fantastic opportunity for anyone of any age and all abilities. The beauty of apprenticeships are they aren't only open to the school leaver market. They are open to anyone aged 16 and over. Meaning they are a great option not only for school leavers but returning to work parents, those made redundant or career changers, the possibilities are endless!

An apprenticeship allows you to drive that change of direction while being able to maintain your commitments of adult life by creating the opportunity for you to study a new qualification – even up to degree level – while still earning.

Apprenticeship Vision

In 2015, the government announced in its 'Apprenticeship Vision' document that not only would it create three million apprenticeships by 2020, it would also be introducing the Apprenticeship levy in April 2017 to provide funding for apprenticeships across all industries, for companies large and small. This now means that any organisation, private or public with a payroll of more than £3million a year will be expected to contribute 0.5% of its payroll into the Apprenticeship Levy fund. These employers then benefit from this fund to support their investment in their staff/apprentices.

In recent years the NHS has used apprenticeships to transform the way it recruits, with apprentices being in a variety of roles from front desk to maternity and paediatric support assistants. New to the NHS however in September 2017, was the introduction of **Nursing Degree Apprenticeships**, creating an outstanding opportunity to become a fully qualified nurse without paying a penny for your degree and earning, all at the same time!

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solicitor or a Jockey there is an apprenticeship for you! Have no fear however, if being a Pilot was your childhood dream, there is even an apprenticeship standard in development for that too!

Working mum to degree graduate!

Studying for your degree while working full-time can be a daunting thought for most, doing that as well as juggling family life seemed an impossible challenge for Mary Fox, 33. However, since working for The Open University, her only regret about her apprenticeship, is that she wished she'd done it sooner!

As Mary explains, "It is not as bad as you might think, it is all in how you manage your time and what you want to achieve from it. I have never been academically minded and in school I managed to get through as the 'class clown' as they call it these days. I left school and started an apprenticeship in hairdressing which I must add I was so excited to start as I'm a people person and love talking"

After completing her apprenticeship, Mary went on to working in salons and later for herself, until 2011 when she fancied something new.

"I regretted not trying harder in school, so I applied for an office role. I really enjoyed it and it suited my people skills. The only difference was talking to people down the phone instead of face to face."

Mary's talents did not go unnoticed, working her way up to a self-made manager, however her desire to improve her education still hadn't been fulfilled and she wished for a qualification to match.

In December 2016, Mary went on to work for the Open University, where her manager mentioned an apprenticeship to her. Although reluctant at first, feeling that she wasn't academic and daunted by the thought of how she would juggle this with the other commitments of her children and managing the social media and marketing strategies for her husband's businesses. However her manager, seeing her potential went on to put her on The Chartered Management Degree Apprenticeship in May 2017.

Fast forward to February 2018 and Mary is about



to start her second module in her first year of the course. 'I'm loving every minute of it, I'm so glad my manager saw the potential in me and pushed me. My confidence has grown and I'm managing the time and 20% off the job training is a great help. I do a few hours most evenings, the support you will get from your peers is amazing and it's flexible'.

It's not all work and no play though, Mary still gets to enjoy time with her family and maintain a social life whilst finally getting the qualification to go with the experience she has gained over the last five years.

'All I can say is please don't put yourself down, take that leap of faith, I promise you won't regret it! This stigma with apprenticeships that they are only for 16-18 year old's is not the case, I'm 33 and trust me you are never too old to gain the qualification and to enhance your personal skills. The only regret I have is that I didn't do it sooner and have the confidence I do now. I would also like to think I will be 'setting an example' to my children about the importance of education and that in life it's never too late to try something different.'

Meet the Open University at The National Apprenticeship Show, Milton Keynes on the 12th and 13th of March.





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Milton Keynes sets the pace for apprenticeships

Apprenticeships give young people the chance to build a better future by taking their first step on the employment ladder and give those already in work the opportunity to progress further.

By 2020, the Government is committed to providing 3 million new apprenticeships which will transform lives, vital to creating a thriving economy here and across the UK.

To demonstrate the Government's commitment a new dedicated register of approved apprenticeship training providers has been set up as has the employer-led Institute for Apprenticeships. This will ensure apprenticeships are high quality, meet the needs of employers and provide opportunities for millions more people.

We have done very well in Milton Keynes. Since 2010, 14,000 of our young people have started an apprenticeship. Every business I visit from Screwfix to Aston Martin are looking to hire even more apprentices and they all agree they are a fantastic addition to the workforce.

It is important to keep up the momentum and continue to create the dynamic and innovative workforce Milton Keynes needs to develop the high tech economy of the future.

I shall look forward to seeing some of you at the forthcoming **National Apprenticeship Show** at the Arena MK on 12th and 13th March 2018.

Rt Hon. Mark Lancaster TD VR MP



'Grow your own' apprentices is key to long-term recruitment success

The National Apprenticeship Show (NAS) believes in the many positives of the Apprenticeship Levy. Many businesses are benefiting throughout the UK and see apprentices as key to their long-term recruitment strategy.

Mercedes-Benz, long term advocates and exhibitors of the National Apprenticeship Show, has been 'growing our own' for over 20 years, with an award-winning apprenticeship programme that started back in 1995.

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have obtained additional qualifications or gained promotions within the business.

Judy Wilkins, Apprentice Marketing, Recruitment and Functional Skills Manager says, "The introduction of the Levy has not deterred us, apprentices are ideal for our long term recruitment strategy.

The National Apprenticeship Show gives us a great opportunity to speak to interested candidates about opportunities that apprenticeships might offer them. It might be that Mercedes-Benz can offer them a career". She goes on to say, "All the businesses that attend these events are passionate about apprenticeships and no matter what the question might be, they will do everything they can to support and help young people find suitable career options for them."

Simon Bennie, Managing Director of NAS and employer of apprentices himself says, "We are thrilled at Mercedes' success with the Apprenticeship scheme, they use our events as part of their recruitment strategy. Our shows give employers an opportunity to inspire young people and discuss how apprenticeships could work for them."

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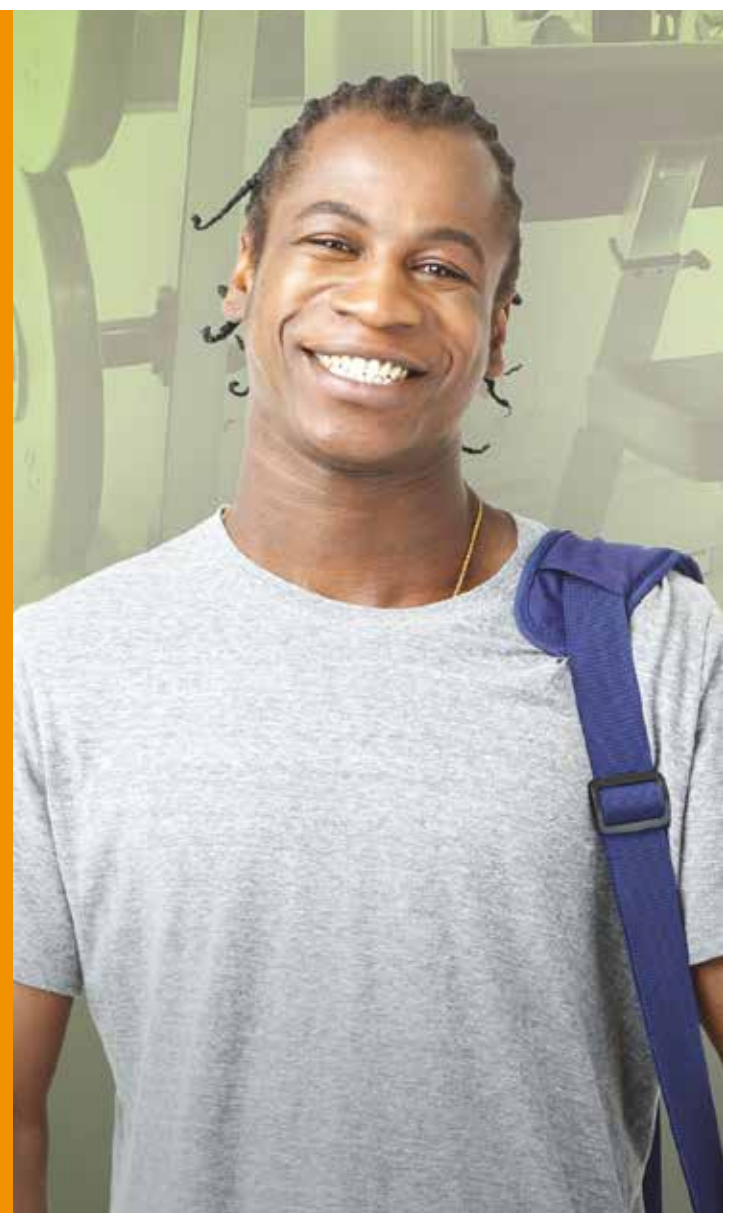
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