

Celebrating National Apprenticeships Week 2010

With the difficult economic climate of 2009 it did not stop a huge number of apprentices beginning their training, or employers offering these valuable places. In 2008/9 almost 240,000 people began an Apprenticeship, highlighting that employers really understand the great business benefits that apprentices bring to their business, and that young people realise an Apprenticeship is a great way to begin a successful career. Apprenticeships really do prove that a programme of learning and a hands on experience can take people closer to their career goals and aspirations. As a result of training, Apprenticeships are highly motivated people who are eager to improve their skills and knowledge. This development of learning can lead to employers providing them with extra responsibility which makes them feel more valued and therefore, in the long term, more loyal.

How long are they trained?

Apprenticeships learn through a combination of on the job experience with quality training and study which helps to produce highly competent and motivated employees who are a credit to your business. Apprenticeships work alongside experienced staff gaining valuable job specific skills, which means they make a more meaningful contribution to your business from the start.

How will it help my business?

In a world where change and innovation is constantly challenging the sector, recruitment of apprentices attracts new people to the sector bringing new skills and ideas with them. Apprenticeships have proven to be a route for long term improvement of efficiency and performance, profitability and staff retention in business.... all areas which the childcare sector strives to achieve in order to remain sustainable.

Children's Links have a National Apprenticeship contract with the Learning and Skills Council to deliver apprenticeship frameworks. Those accessing an Apprenticeship will enrol into a programme during which they will complete an NVQ; key skills and a technical certificate relevant to their area of study, as well as a technical course on occupational awareness.

For more information visit:

<http://www.childrenslinks.org.uk/OurServices/Training/tabid/69/Default.aspx>

And download our Service Directory for all our services.



The National Apprenticeship Week 2010, takes place from Monday 1st February—Friday 5th February). For further information please visit:

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk>

This website contains information on the National Apprenticeship Service and their aims and priorities as an organisation.

You can view the latest news and updates and also obtain information on their performances.

The world is changing fast. With fierce competition for jobs there's never been a better time to have marketable skills. You don't need to sit in a class all day to get them. You can earn while you are learning and gain recognised qualification as you work.

Useful and related links to other organisations can be found on this website.

How much does it cost?

All that is required is a modest outlay of time and commitment for the employer. In the main, Apprenticeships are fully funded by the government (eligibility will be assessed). The financial outlay to the employer is just the salary paid to the employee, £95 per week (minimum) trainee wage.

Children's links offer Apprenticeships to the Children's Sector, so the likelihood is that you have the potential for either an existing or new employee to become an apprentice within your organisation. If you require assistance with recruitment this can be provided at no cost and includes interviewing and assessment.

If you require any further assistance or have any questions, our Training Team can help and support you in this process.

Contact our Apprenticeship Officer on 0845 373 0645

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