

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Events calendar

“We are delighted that so many organisations are supporting National Apprenticeship Week by organising events to showcase these benefits. There are some fantastic activities on offer, which I am certain will inspire more companies and individuals to reap the benefits of Apprenticeships for themselves.”

Simon Waugh, NAS

Here's just a small selection of what's on

6th Monday

Time: 8:30am
Location: London
What: The National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) is hoping to stage a photo call event, from 8:30am, at a secret location in London. The NAS will use the event as a platform to explain to employers how they can access some of the financial support announced by the government before Christmas - such as the incentive scheme for small and medium sized employers.

Time: 9am - 5pm
Location: London
What: The London Academy of Apprenticeships will be holding a competition allowing 10 unemployed, work-hungry young people to compete for an apprenticeship with Swiss Post Solutions. Candidates will undertake a rigorous assessment session, watched by Swiss Post Solutions via a live video link, similar to 'The Apprentice' TV show broadcast by the BBC.

Time: 9am - 5pm
Location: Oaklands College, Hertfordshire
What: Oaklands college will be running a competition, starting Monday, for a business to win an apprentice for the next twelve months. Employers will need to call up the local radio station and argue why they deserve to win the apprentice. The winner will be announced by a high profile guest at the end of the week.

Time: 11:30am - 1pm
Location: William Stanier School, Crewe
What: Bentley Motors will be visiting a number of local schools throughout the week in order to promote apprenticeship vacancies to young people. Apprentices currently working at Bentley will be showcasing some of the latest cars produced by the British manufacturer, as well as some of the unique craft skills which they use on a day to day basis.

7th Tuesday

Time: 10am - 2pm
Location: Woodside House Care Home, Norfolk
What: Apprentices employed by Barchesteer Healthcare will be inviting nearby schools to attend a coffee morning at the Woodside House Care Home. The event will be a chance for the apprentices to discuss their experiences with potential learners and explain some of the possible career routes available in the care sector.

Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Location: Derby College, Derbyshire
What: An apprenticeship information evening will be held by Derby College, giving potential learners the chance to find out about the vocational route and each area of training the college offers. The evening will include a 'recruitment station' listing colleges already in partnership with the college, as well as a number of 'have a go' activities.

Time: 6pm - 8pm
Location: Bournville College, Birmingham
What: The college will be holding an event headlined by Mark Linton, Managing Director of the Business Growth Show. It will be an opportunity both for employers and potential learners to hear how Mr Linton started his business and expanded it with the help of young people. The event will be attended by Lucy Matthews, an apprentice now running Business Growth Show events.

Time: 7pm - late
Location: Kirklees College, West Yorkshire
What: The college is offering 40 local employers a place at a special apprenticeship celebration dinner. The event will take place in the college's training restaurant, The Chameleon, and be cooked and served by students on a range of hospitality and catering apprenticeships.



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8th Wednesday

Time: 9:30am onwards

Location: Maidenhead Town Hall, Berkshire

What: The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is teaming up with the Grow Our Own scheme to host 'The Alternative University', an event that lets employers, students and job seekers find out more about apprenticeships. Visitors will be able to talk with local employers who are recruiting, join a panel discussion and try interactive Q&A boards.

9th Thursday

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Congress House, London

What: Unionlearn's annual conference, "Apprenticeships are Union Business", will be highlighting the role that trade unions should play in supporting apprentices and working with employers to develop more apprenticeship places. Speakers at the conference include Simon Waugh, chief executive of NAS, Frances O'Grady, deputy general secretary of the TUC, and Dr Pete Waterman OBE DL.

10th Friday

Time: 7:30am to 9:30am

Location: The Compleat Anger, Marlow Bucks

What: Skills Centre Bucks, part of Wycombe District Council, will be hosting an 'Apprenticeship Business Breakfast Seminar' at The Compleat Anger. The event, hosted by Steve Baker MP, will promote the benefits of apprenticeships to local businesses and include speeches both from apprentices and their employers. There will be a short debate, workshops and networking opportunities

Time: 10am - 4pm

Location: Central London

What: The National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) will be holding its third apprenticeship seminar, titled "Excellence in Apprenticeships: An International Perspective", at the Strand building. Guests include Simon Waugh, chief executive of the NAS and David Way, chief operating officer at the NAS, as well as representatives from 12 countries outside of the UK.

Time: 10am to 4pm

Location: New College Durham, County Durham

What: The apprenticeship team at New College Durham will be hosting a 'skills showcase' demonstrating the skills of apprentices in hairdressing, catering, health and social care, carpentry and joinery, painting and decorating, plumbing and electrical. Demonstrations will be given to visitors by apprentices of all skill levels.

Time: 10am to 4pm

Location: Warrington Collegiate, Cheshire

What: The leader of Warrington Borough Council, Councillor Terry O'Neill, will be gaining 'hands on' experience of bricklaying and plumbing apprenticeships at Warrington Collegiate. Mr O'Neill will also have his hair styled by Alisha Cooper, former regional hairdressing apprentice of year 2008. The college will also be hosting an Apprenticeship Recruitment Day for 16 to 24 year-olds.

Time: 11am - 3pm

Location: West Cheshire College, Cheshire

What: An apprenticeships showcase event, based on the theme 'What an Apprenticeship means to me?' will be held by the college at Ellesmere Port Campus. Apprentices in hospitality and catering will be serving canapés; hair and beauty Apprentices are providing manicures and treatments and technical theatre Apprentices will be putting on a light show.

Time: 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Location: O2 Telefonica, Slough

What: An apprenticeship awareness event designed to increase the engagement of employers and local businesses will be held by O2 in Bath Road. The afternoon hopes to raise the profile of apprenticeships and share good practice with other businesses who have "a passion for developing young people". The event will be attended by the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS).

Time: 12pm onwards

Location: City College Norwich, Norfolk

What: The 'Apprentices' Challenge and Skills Showcase' is to be held at the StartUp Lounge at City College Norwich. Teams of apprentices will be creating a video presentation, showcasing their skills, talents and utilising their experiences to inform visitors about the apprenticeship route. The 'Skills-Showcase Drop-In Session' will allow employers to explore the range of apprenticeships.

Time: 12pm to 8pm

Location: KMF (Precision Sheet Metal) Limited, Staffordshire

What: Year 11 and Year 13 pupils who are interested in starting an engineering apprenticeship are invited to attend an open at KMF. Training staff and current apprentices will be on site to chat with learners, parents and guardians as well as give tours of the 110,000 square foot manufacturing facility. Visitors will also be able to 'have a go'.

Time: All day

Location: Babcock International, Davenport

What: An engineering challenge is to be held by Babcock, in partnership with the Plymouth Learning Trust, for 20 pupils studying at Key Stage 4. The event is aimed specifically at schools which don't have a history of progressing their pupils into an apprenticeship with Babcock. Students will be placed in teams, led by an apprentice, and asked to create a product which will then be tested.

Time: All day

Location: HMS Collingwood, Fareham

What: The Royal Navy Apprenticeship Programme will be holding an open day for careers advisors from 23 secondary schools and further education colleges in the Portsmouth and Fareham area. A presentation will be given by Commander Winkle, the apprenticeship contract manager, followed by a tour of the apprenticeship work areas. Apprentices currently undergoing training will be present.