

Oxford Town Hall to host Youth Job Fair

Dozens of apprenticeships and job opportunities are on offer at Oxford's first Youth Job Fair at the Town Hall on 19 August.

A great variety of apprenticeship schemes are available to apply for, and include opportunities in childcare, printing, plumbing, translating, sports coaching and the motor industry. Interviews may take place on the day so make sure you dress to impress.

Job vacancies are also on offer from the private, public and voluntary sector and range from desktop publishing and marketing to aerospace and engineering roles.

Three students from Oxford and Cherwell Valley College (Rebecca North, Fiona Callaghan and Jessica Jose) and Caylun Phillips, undergoing a Human Resources apprenticeship with Oxford City Council, have all gained valuable experience in project management by working on the Job Fair project, mentored by Melanie Magee and Jarlath Brine from Oxford City Council. Melanie says: "The students have worked extremely hard to bring the Job Fair together. I hope the experience and knowledge they gain will be useful in their future careers."

"The Fair will provide a great chance for local people to find out more about available roles, and help match the need of local employers with all the new potential out there."

Councillor Antonia Bance, Board Member for Stronger Communities is opening the event, she says: "It's great that the Youth Job Fair is at the Town Hall and inspiring that young people are involved in the project management."

"The event is offering local young people some brilliant opportunities and it should help kick start some great new careers."

Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford & Cherwell Valley College, Connexions and Job Centre Plus are all supporting the event and working to introduce a new monthly job club to provide on-going support.

Various agencies will also be on hand to provide help with writing CVs and refining interview techniques. Details of organisations attending and opportunities on offer are available from www.youthjobfair@oxford.gov.uk

NOTE TO EDITORS

Information about the organisations that will be attending the Job Fair and the opportunities they are offering:

ABSL Space Products Ltd, Abingdon (aerospace/engineering) - vacancies in production department and apprenticeship scheme launching soon

BMW MINI (manufacturing and engineering) - range of apprenticeships including: engineering maintenance, IT technician, wood apprenticeship for Rolls-Royce cars, leather apprenticeship for Rolls Royce, chemist, tool making, body and paint repair, industrial engineer, business technician - education opportunities from NVQ level 3 to foundation degree and full honours degree.

Four Pillars Hotels - entry level roles - food and beverages in bar, restaurant, conference and banqueting, chefs and reception staff

Oxfordshire County Council:

- full and part-time posts in nurseries, pre-schools, after school clubs and play schemes - also info on training and apprenticeships
- apprenticeships in business admin, civil engineering, general maintenance, health and social care, ICT professional, finance and outdoor education
- Adult learning - apprenticeships in childcare, IT, customer services and business administration
- NVQs in childcare, customer services, health and social care, cleaning, business and administration, retail and IT

Hays Specialist Recruitment (recruitment consultant) - various entry level roles in office support, accounting and finance

Hunts Printing - six print apprenticeships

JTL (electrical, plumbing, heating and ventilation) - apprenticeship training

Interlinguae Ltd (translation company) - 2 internships, assistant translator, desktop publishing assistant

Territorial Army (infantry unit) - vacancies for infantrymen, military chef, military clerk, combat medic, musicians and buglers

Oxford & Cherwell Valley College - promoting apprenticeship vacancies from variety of local organisations that work with the college

Premier Sports Group (sports coaching) - two-year sports coaching apprenticeships that have the potential to develop into full-time sports coaches. Two age categories 16-18 years and 19-24.

Thames Valley Regional Network - promoting apprenticeship provision of their members throughout the Thames Valley

Unipart Logistics - graduate programme and apprenticeship scheme starting September 2012

Vinspired - volunteering charity launching a leadership programme. Recruiting 75 young leaders from Oxfordshire to run campaigns and social

action. On successful completion of the programme, leaders will have opportunity to apply for personal development grant which could go towards university fees and training course

Zenos - (IT support) IT support apprenticeships

Zeta Compliance Group plc (facilities services and IT development) - vacancies in sales & marketing, office administration, finance, IT and trainee environmental consultants

Support on offer at the Youth Job Fair:

Guru Manyo Granth Sikh Centre (Sikh charity) - offering a wide range of free training including business skills to all members of the community. Including job seekers development, supervisory skills, GCSE and A Level coaching for science subjects and personal skill development

Oxford & Cherwell Valley College - wide range of full and part-time courses from entry to degree level

Oxford Jobcentre - advice, guidance and signposting

Positive Futures - youth projects

Tab Training (government funded training) - various courses including maths, English, vocational, IT and employability training

Volunteer Centre Oxfordshire, OCVA (volunteering charity) - hundreds of local volunteering opportunities to help build new skills and experience to better your chances of finding paid work

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