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Ofsted Outstanding!

We are thrilled to announce that Exceed Training Company has received **OUTSTANDING** ratings in all areas of their recent Ofsted inspection, held from February 19th to 21st.



Secretary of State for Education Appoints College Principal for CITB Board Role

The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) has welcomed five new voluntary trustees through appointments made by the secretary of state for education.

On 1st April, Leeds College of Building Principal and CEO Nikki Davis joined Rachael Cunningham, Stephen Gray, Julia Heap, and Herman Kok on the CITB Board.

Voluntary trustee roles are pivotal in supporting the CITB's mission to foster a skilled, competent, and inclusive workforce within the construction industry. Over a four-year term, trustees are tasked with guiding the organisation towards achieving its strategic goals, ensuring it meets its objectives, and delivering on its commitments to the construction industry.

The role involves collaborating with industry stakeholders to address the skills gap and drive initiatives such as the transition to net zero. Trustees also provide governance and accountability for the organisation's activities, ensuring that the CITB operates with integrity and efficiency.

Nikki Davis said:

"I am delighted to take up this CITB voluntary trustee role. As the Principal of the only specialist general further education construction college in the UK, I hope to use my position and experience to help shape the future of construction training. Working together, the trustees and I intend to collectively tackle current and future challenges, responding to fast-evolving industry demands and growing sector skills gaps."

Peter Lauener, CITB chair, said:

"I am delighted to welcome five new trustees to strengthen CITB's board. They bring great experience to the Board across both industry and further education. They will bring new ideas and will strengthen CITB's ability to achieve our core purpose which is to support the construction industry to have a skilled, competent, and inclusive workforce, now and in the future."



Engineering The Future

HETA Celebrates Record Achievement Rates and the Success Of Learners

Humbleside Engineering Training Association is proud of another significant achievement as it announces record-high qualification achievement rates for its Level 3 Apprenticeship Programmes.

Established in 1967 by employers, for employers, the not-for-profit organisation has reached an all-time high in its success metrics but has also secured a prestigious position among the top 10 in the UK for Engineering & Engineering Construction training.

The latest figures reveal that HETA's achievement rates have soared, standing an impressive 20% above the national average. This remarkable feat underscores the organisation's dedication to providing quality training, bridging crucial skills gaps, and facilitating sustainable employment opportunities for young individuals entering the industry.



[Read full article here](#)



Proud Achievement rates at NBC!

“As well as being proud of our achievement rates, we are today celebrating our EPA results! Well done to all of our Apprentices who worked hard to pass their EPA!” - NBC Team

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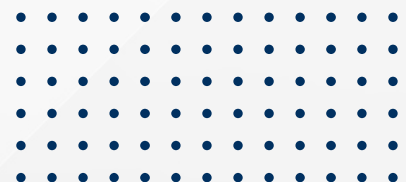
Students create sustainable fashion for Community Foundation Wakefield District

Level 3 Fashion Textiles students from Wakefield College have teamed up with Community Foundation Wakefield District to create and help promote sustainable fashion across the district.

As part of this, the students have transformed clothes that have previously been donated to the charity's shop or fabrics which would usually be sent to landfill to create new fashionable garments or accessories.

The items are now being displayed in the charity shop's window in Wakefield, helping to encourage shoppers to buy second-hand items.

The garments will be sold as part of the charity's Community Give Box, with the money raised going towards its Wakefield Fund which provides small grants to individuals, local communities and voluntary groups to help build better communities within the Wakefield District.



Student Ruby Lawton said about the project: "I was excited to work with Community Foundation Wakefield District because I go to charity shops quite a lot and I'd seen people recycling yarn in different ways from charity shops. When we were asked to choose garments from The Give Box to make our pieces, I selected items that I could make into some sort of yarn to crochet with. I really enjoyed this project because it gave me the opportunity to practice new skills and recycle t-shirts and make them into something completely new."



In addition to supporting the community, the project has helped to further develop the students' skills in weaving, embroidery, crochet, knitting and fabric manipulation.

Lisa Milburn, Executive Director at Community Foundation Wakefield District, said: "We try to promote sustainability in everything we do, so this collaborative project was perfect in terms of avoiding landfill, re-use, repurpose and giving something old a new lease of life. The students were brilliant, and several of them are now regular visitors to look at what they can upcycle and individualise from our range of clothes. The plan is to sell or auction the items the students have created to put funds back into the community."

This is one of a number of projects the Art & Design department is working on in the Wakefield district, with further projects planned with Wakefield Museum looking at the history of Double Two - which will students design and make a shirt based on the theme of Wakefield.

The Level 3 Fashion Textiles programme is aimed at anyone who has a creative mind, wants to develop their design knowledge and skills, and has a real passion and desire to work in the creative industries.

Students are able to explore a wide range of techniques through the creation of textiles and fashion, with learners producing a self-initiated project and exhibition which showcases their creative work.

Find out more about the programme, here: [Wakefield College - Study With Us](#)



**ASKHAM BRYAN
COLLEGE**

Critically Endangered Snail back in England after 30 years

The Critically Endangered Glutinous Snail has found a new home at Askham Bryan Wildlife Park, based on the edge of York, in a bid to breed and save the species from extinction.

During March 2024, staff at Askham Bryan made the journey to Snowdonia National Park, Wales where this species of snail can only be found in one Lake – Llyn Tegid. It is one of the most endangered animals in Europe.

Conservationist Ian Hughes from Life forms Art has been working with the snails in Wales for the last 10 years and has welcomed the Askham Bryan team to further continue this conservation project stating: “The snails have been extinct in England for 30 years, they are going to go into a very well cared for semi-natural pond, and we’re very excited about it”.



Transporting the Glutinous snails back to England is very delicate work, at under 1.5cm in length and harbouring a delicate shell, great care is taken to ensure there is no damage to the snails as they move into their new home.

Lauren Lane, Conservation Manager, Askham Bryan Wildlife Park, stated: “It is imperative that we all work together to ensure there is a future for all species that live in freshwater habitats – 67 species of freshwater snail have gone extinct with a further 450 species threatened, protecting the waters they live in is key to their survival.”

The Snails will not be on show to the public just yet, as the team work hard to ensure the species have settled in and have begun breeding successfully, however there will be a dedicated Glutinous Snail reserve outdoors for public viewing in the future.

To find out more about Askham Bryan Wildlife Park or book tickets, please visit their website www.abcwildlifepark.co.uk or via social media @abcwildlifepark



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Yorkshire Provider and Retail Giant Frasers Group Forge Strategic Partnership to Advance Apprenticeship Training

Springfield Training, a leading provider of vocational education and training, proudly announces a transformative education partnership with Frasers Group, a renowned group of retail businesses employing over 30,000+ staff. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in utilising apprenticeship training to elevate the skills development of employees of Frasers Group, and demonstrating the impact apprentices can have on your workforce. This partnership will create a truly transformative learning experience that will equip apprentices with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the fast-paced environment whilst supporting the groups vision to build the planet's most admired and compelling brand ecosystem.



With this partnership, Springfield Training will assume the role of delivering comprehensive apprenticeship training programmes in engineering, leveraging its expertise in vocational education and dedication to fostering talent. Frasers Group's esteemed reputation and industry insights will enrich these programmes, ensuring alignment with evolving industry demands and technological advancements. Under this partnership, Springfield Training leverage its decades of experience and commitment to excellence in vocational education.

"We are thrilled to join forces with Frasers Group in our mission to cultivate the next generation of talent," said **Dan Howard, Deputy CEO at Springfield Training.**

[Full article here](#)

Business Apprentice raises over £7,000 for PACT Charity

Ellie Sawyer, a Barnsley College apprentice, raised over £7,000 for the charity, PACT, the Parents Association of Children with Tumours and Leukaemia.

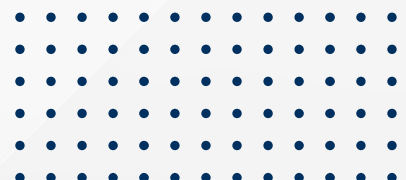
PACT co-ordinator, Beryl Welburn, on behalf of the PACT team said: “We would like to say a huge thank you to Ellie Sawyer at Blue Chip for her recent fundraising event for PACT. She raised an incredible £7,131.71 which will go a long way in helping us to continue supporting the children and the families of children treated for cancer and leukaemia at the Sheffield Children’s Hospital.

“Working with Ellie has been an absolute pleasure and she has shown dedication and commitment to PACT throughout. She got the team at Blue Chip behind her and together they made her Charity Auction Night a huge success.”

The Charity Auction Night, held on 16 March, was Ellie’s first solo fundraising event. The night had 2 comedians, performances, a raffle, and an auction. Ellie organised and ran the event, making it a huge success, and raising a total of £7,131.71.



[Read full article here](#)



Digital skills learners celebrate course success

Woodspeen Training is pleased to announce that our Adult Education Budget* (AEB) Digital Skills learners from Bradford Parkside Community Centre have received their own tablets. Given out as part of their course, the tablets will allow our learners to continue to practice their digital skills after they complete the course.

Our digital skills course covers a range of areas including: digital career development, staying safe online, and collaborating online. The course is aimed at supporting people enhance their digital skills and support them to enter the workforce.

Emma O'Sullivan, skills tutor, said "The learners at the centre were so pleased with their tablets. They told me how it will help them become more independent, as they will not need to ask their family for help to access the internet to build their skills."

"They told me it was an amazing early Eid gift! I can't wait to see how they continue to flourish using this technology." she continued.

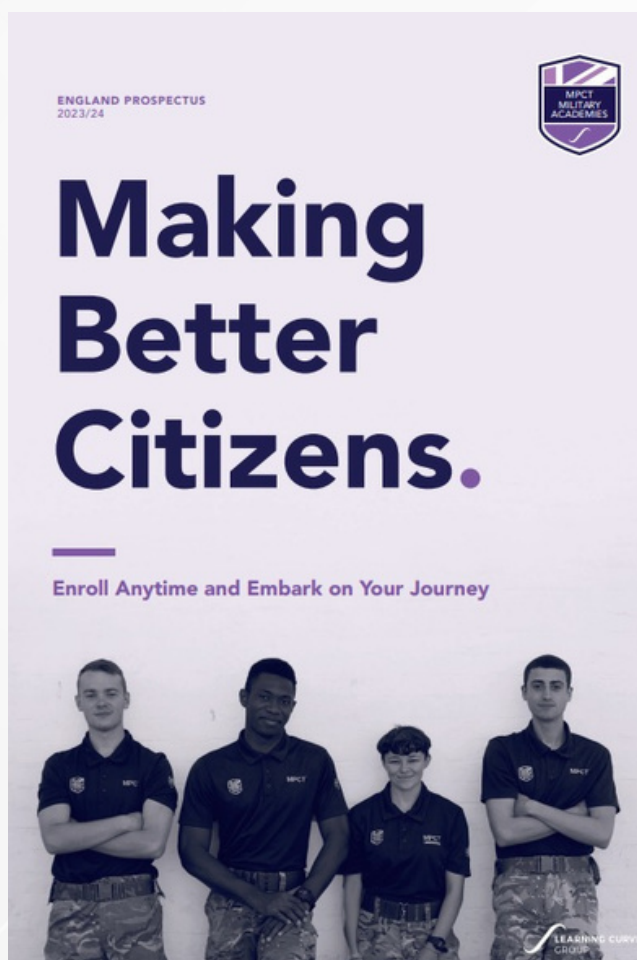
*Our fully funded short courses are currently only available to anyone aged 19 years old or above, that lives in Huddersfield, Bradford, Halifax, Wakefield or Leeds. They are fully funded through our Adult Education Budget (AEB).





The Learning Curve Group MPCT program offers a unique opportunity for students who may be undecided about their next steps. Whether they are looking to further their education or embark on a new career path, our open days provide a comprehensive overview of what we have to offer within our Military academies. Students can attend either individually or as part of a group with yourselves. Parents and carers are also welcome to accompany their children to these sessions.

Here are the details for our upcoming open days, based at – MPCT Harewood Barracks, Army Reserve Centre, Skinner Lane Leeds LS7 1AR :



**Date: Friday, 26th April 2024,
Time: 13:00 – 14:15**

**Date: Friday, 31st May 2024, Time:
13:00 – 14:15**

During these sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to:

Learn about our program curriculum and the various pathways available.

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