

I want an apprenticeship What do I do?



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Hello

We are the West Midlands Apprenticeship Ambassador Network (WMAAN) and we are proud to be sponsoring the National Apprenticeship Event and Conference 2018.

The aim of WMAAN is to guarantee our region is in the strongest possible position when it comes to delivering the apprenticeships that are the building blocks of its future.

We'd love you to be part of the story.

We want to ensure the West Midlands occupies a position of creative, industrial, technical, learning, and manufacturing, strength. A position that will be added to by generations to come – generations like yourselves.

Take a look at the sheer variety of opportunities we offer and those who have benefitted both from our network and the apprenticeship structure.

We would love to help you on your apprenticeship journey, the first step to a happy, secure, future doing the job you love.

Your brilliance can take our region, and its people, forward to an even better place.

Say hello – you won't regret it.

Meet the Chair

Jenny Conlon – KMF Precision Sheet Metal

As someone currently responsible for 60 young apprentices, and who has guided more than 12 employees through adult apprenticeships, I am passionate about the life-changing opportunities provided by apprenticeships for people of all ages.

I see with my own eyes young people setting out on a journey that will provide them with the security of skills that will last them the rest of their lives. Those skills are there to be learned, on apprenticeships waiting to be filled. In front of you is an open road, and you will have a remarkable journey travelling it to the ultimate goal of a job you cherish.

The West Midlands Apprenticeship Ambassador Network (WMAAN) is a group of employers at the spearhead of a drive to engage new employers to commit to apprenticeship delivery in our proudly creative region. They are employers who champion apprenticeships, provide apprenticeships, raise awareness of

opportunities, and mentor other employers. Put simply, they make a difference.

The aim of this event is to reveal to you the sheer breadth of opportunity there is for you. It is a chance to interact with employers and ambassadors to formulate where you see your next step. More than anything, today is about nurturing your ambition, allowing free expression of where you would like to go in life. Make no mistake, there are more options than you could ever imagine.

Take part today – look around, be inquisitive, ask questions. WMAAN will have the answer you are looking for. An answer that could be the launchpad for your career.

Jenny Conlon is Training and Development Manager at KMF Precision Sheet Metal, one of the UK's leading sheet metal fabrication and precision engineering firms, based in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

KMF is recognised as a TOP 100 UK Apprentice Employer. Through the Young Engineer of the Year school engagement project, Jenny has also worked with over 10,000 young people creating a sustainable talent pool of future engineers.



A woman with her hair in a ponytail, wearing a grey hoodie with 'KMF' on the chest and work gloves, is focused on a computer monitor in a factory environment. The monitor displays a technical drawing of a mechanical part. The background shows industrial machinery and another person working in the distance. The entire scene is bathed in a red and purple light.

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One of my favourite things about my apprenticeship is the fact that I get to learn everything. I am given the opportunity to gain skills in a wide variety of areas, from computer aided drawing to assembly and welding.

In addition to learning new skills and meeting new people, I also really enjoy the extracurricular activities and team building we participate in.

I know support is always available and the whole experience has helped me with my confidence and allowed me to grow as a person.”

Chloe Quaile

First Female Engineering Apprentice
KMF Precision Sheet Metal
Newcastle-under-Lyme



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I think that the work the WMAAN is doing to elevate the awareness of apprenticeships is really important. It provides an additional avenue for young people like myself to explore when making a career choice.

But it doesn't stop there – the network gives me and others like me the opportunity to develop other skills through the Ambassador programme, which enables me to share my experience and hopefully help others to make a more informed choice about their future career options.”

Dan Millington

3rd Year Apprentice (Mechanical Engineering)
HydraForce Hydraulics Ltd
Birmingham

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I began my career at the hospital as a Level 2 Business Admin apprentice working within theatres on the reception desk.

During my apprenticeship I quickly realised I enjoyed the environment and wanted to gain a career working in theatres. I was successful in gaining a permanent role as a support worker and am now hoping to go on to train to become an Operating Department Practitioner.

An apprenticeship worked for me as it was a great way of getting into the NHS, gaining a qualification, and coming out with a permanent role in an area in which I wanted to pursue a career.”

Amber Varden

Theatre Support Worker
George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust
Nuneaton



A woman with dark hair, wearing a patterned shawl, is focused on her work in a pottery studio. She is leaning over a table, working on a piece of pottery. The background shows shelves filled with various pottery items. The entire image has a red color overlay.

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I started with the Portmeirion group at the age of 18 as an apprentice learning a skilled role as a trainee lithographer at the Stoke-on-Trent factory.

I always wanted to work for the Portmeirion Group as some of my family work here. The apprenticeship was a great opportunity to start my journey and now I feel part of the litho shop and really enjoy my job!”

Jenifer Rospendowski
Portmeirion
Stoke-on-Trent

Our members

WMAAN has a broad and varied membership of businesses and institutions across all sectors.

Big, small, we embrace them all. Each and every one brings expertise to our cause.

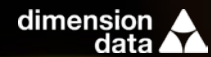
Take a look and see which ones might take you down a career path suitable to you.



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Our network

Herefordshire Shropshire
Staffordshire Warwickshire
West Midlands Worcestershire



WMAAN is only ever a quick email or call away. Please give us a ring for an informal chat about apprenticeships.

You won't regret it. It might even make your dream come true.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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