



Apprenticeships West Midlands

Welcome to our first newsletter!

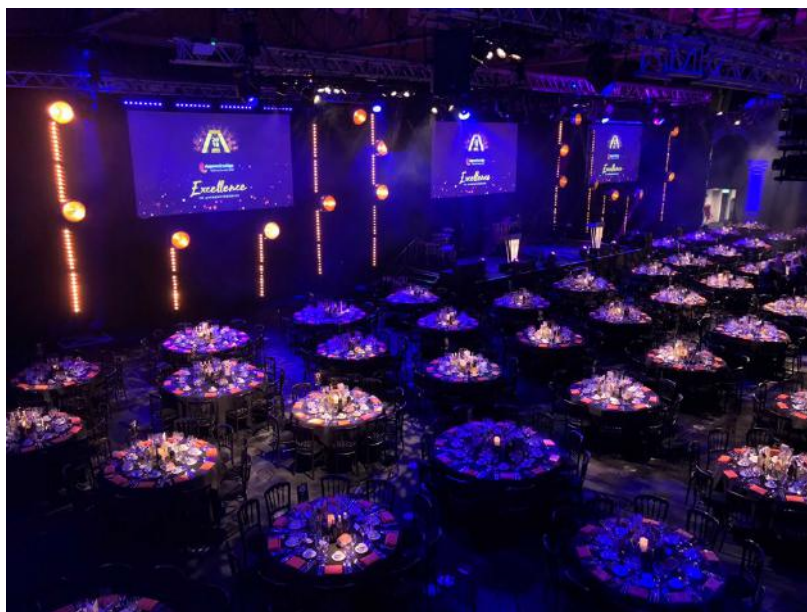
We are excited to share with you the very first newsletter from both the West Midlands Apprentice Ambassador Network (WMAAN) and the West Midlands Young Apprentice Ambassador Network (WMYAAN).

Both of our networks are delighted to be working in partnership, alongside Government initiatives, to promote apprenticeships to employers, schools, parents and young people across the West Midlands.

2018 was a great year for both the WMAAN and the WMYAAN and we ended it with a bang.

Carry on reading to find out what we got up to towards the end of last year and for what we have planned to make 2019 even bigger and better!

The National Apprenticeship Awards 2018 #AppAwards



On 28th November 2018, a few of our members were delighted to attend the National Apprenticeship Awards - a truly great celebration of apprenticeships. Both the WMAAN and WMYAAN were delighted to have a few members who made it as finalists in a number of categories and we were over the moon to see a few of these members take home the title of 'Winner' and 'Highly Commended'.



KMF's Success!

Our very own Jenny Conlon came home with 2 awards on behalf of KMF, winning the Large Employer of the year award, and being Highly Commended in Recruitment Excellence of the year. "We're incredibly proud with the work we do at KMF for apprentices, and to be recognised nationally is an honour".

Advanced Apprentice of the Year!

WMAAN member, Daniel Millington from HydraForce, won the 'Advanced Apprentice of the Year' award, recognising his hard work and commitment for his apprenticeship and his company.

Dan said: "I'm thrilled to have won the Advanced National Apprentice Awards 2018, it's a brilliant achievement and one of the highlights of my career!".



An update from the WMAAN

Winners all round!

The amazing ambassadors over at Walsall Council won Public Service Employer 2018 at the Asian Apprenticeship Awards.

"We are so proud to win, it's a testament to our fantastic staff at Walsall who have embraced apprenticeships".



The WMAAN has been continually growing in numbers, totalling at 60 members last year. We have also smashed 250 followers on Twitter with the other social networks always increasing.

New Vice Chairs appointed



Georgia Smith, from Core Tree Ltd and Jemma Gillman from HS2 Ltd were appointed as the new Vice Chairs of the WMYAAN network.

“I am extremely honoured to have been appointed as a Vice Chair for the WMYAAN and I am looking forward to supporting to network throughout 2019. I have always been very passionate about apprenticeships and I cannot wait to play a bigger role in the network.” - Georgia Smith, Core Tree Ltd

“I was pleasantly surprised when Alistair asked if I would like to be appointed as a Vice Chair. I am looking forward to supporting the network through different events and helping us grow to get a range of different experiences.” – Jemma Gillman, HS2 Ltd

2018 was a big year for the WMYAAN: Let's make 2019 even better!



2018 was certainly a big year for our network, with all of these exciting changes and announcements taking place.

We were delighted to welcome lots of new members to our network, with more and more enthusiastic and inspiring apprentices joining to share their stories to help inspire the next generation of apprentices.

We also attended lots of events throughout 2018, including 19 school events, 2 NEC events, 2 NAS Award Ceremonies, the Worcestershire Apprenticeships Awards, as well as 2 events created and ran by WMYAAN members, and we are aiming to make 2019 even bigger and better.



If you are interested in joining our diverse and dynamic network, to start inspiring others with your apprenticeship journey and meet other apprentices, find out more about the WMYAAN and apply today on the YAAN Portal!

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>



Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.