



Lancashire Apprentice  
Ambassador Network

# Newsletter

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## Welcome to the April edition of the Apprentice Ambassador newsletter.

The aim is to keep you updated on the Ambassador Network activities opportunities and forthcoming events. It is also an opportunity to showcase the work your organisation is doing to promote apprenticeships. If you have participated or will be doing anything to promote apprenticeships and/or the network please let Sam know so that she can promote this for you and put it in our newsletters.



Please remember to follow us on twitter @lancsambassador.

## Ambassador Networking Event



Our last Networking event was a great success. Julie Foster from National Apprenticeship Service came to speak about the National Network and National Apprenticeship Week.

Crowberry Consulting, James Places and South Ribble Council all gave information on the events that they were hosting for National Apprenticeship Week.

Our next Ambassador Networking Event will be on 25th April at 12pm till 3pm at Preston's College. The theme will be National Apprenticeship Awards and we have a representative from The National Apprenticeship Service coming to talk about the awards.

Please confirm your attendance asap to  
[sam@lancsforum.co.uk](mailto:sam@lancsforum.co.uk)

## National Apprenticeship Week

### James Places host Apprenticeship Fair

James places held a careers and Apprenticeship Fair on the 7th March with over 20 exhibitors on hand to provide advice to schools, members of the public and job seekers looking for opportunities. There was a jobs board with current vacancies for people to apply for.



## South Ribble Council host a Learning and Skills Event

South Ribble Council held a Learning and Skills event on the 6th March to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week. This was a great success with over 200 visitors. Visitors included local business looking to upskill present staff, young people looking for advice on apprenticeships and members of the public. There were



over 20 exhibitors there to give advice on opportunities and a jobs board that displayed current apprenticeship vacancies in the area.

Apprentice Ambassadors Lloyd and Danny were on hand to give advice and guidance on apprenticeships and support The Lancashire Apprentice Ambassador Network.

## Lancashire Apprenticeship Expo



The Lancashire Apprentice Ambassador Network exhibited at the Apprenticeship Expo to provide impartial advice and guidance on apprenticeships. Apprentice Ambassador Mariusz supported this and spoke to many young people throughout the day. Employer Ambassadors Lancashire Fire and Rescue, Lancashire Police and Lancashire Care also exhibited at the event.



Mariusz commented on the success of the expo

"Lancashire App Expo 2018 has been a fantastic event and opportunity for many curious minds that wanted to find out more information about Apprenticeships. I was joined with Preston's College 'Job Zone' sector and Samantha Connelly, Project Coordinator

for the Lancashire WBL Executive Forum offering guidance on how to apply to become an Apprentice, advice on career options based on skills and interests and first-hand insight on what it's like being an Apprentice whilst sharing my own experiences throughout my own journey. The attendee turnout has been great with over 1500+ visitors, and many visitors who were unsure of what career paths to select have found something they were interested in."

## West Lancs College Future U Careers fair

The Lancashire Apprentice Ambassador Network exhibited at the Future U Careers Fair to provide impartial advice and guidance on apprenticeships. It was a very busy day with many schools attending to receive advice and guidance. Apprentice Ambassador Shannon supported this and spoke to many young people. Apprentice Ambassador and board member Portia Taylor-Black attended with her employer

West Lancashire Council and also assisted on our stand in speaking to young people.



Portia (left) and Shannon

Employer Ambassadors Hotter Shoes, Lancashire Fire and Rescue and Graylaw with Apprentice Ambassador Mollie, exhibited and provided advice on apprenticeships.





## Lancashire Police hold a Recognition Event for their Apprentices

Lancashire Constabulary held a recognition event for National Apprenticeship week to promote the massive benefits apprenticeships have had at Lancashire Constabulary and to celebrate the dedication, commitment and success of staff who have completed the training and secured jobs at Lancashire constabulary.



The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire presented the certificates to the individuals and gave a speech. There was homemade cake and refreshments after the presentation which was a great opportunity to talk to the learners and see what experience they had whilst doing their training. Learners were asked if they would like to progress onto the next level of training and Jane Ward promoted the LAAN and the YAAN.



## Apprentice Ambassadors scoop more awards

Mariusz awarded Apprentice of the Year

Mariusz has been awarded Apprentice of the Year by his employer Preston's College in their annual staff awards presentation. Well done to Mariusz



## Danny wins Engineering Apprentice of the year

Danny Blake who works at Skelmersdale-based TrakRap has been named Engineering Apprentice of the Year at the Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies Alliance Skills Awards 2018.



Danny Blake, 24, joined the packaging specialist in 2012 as an apprentice engineer in 2012 before working his way up to the role of mechanical assembly engineer. He is currently undertaking a Level 4 Higher National Diploma in mechanical engineering.

Danny was nominated for the award by Alliance Learning, his apprenticeship learning provider, and beat thousands of apprentices from the GTA's various learning partners across the UK to make the shortlist.

Daniel impressed the judges with his work on a wide range of assembly and research projects, his role as Health & Safety leader at TrakRap and his involvement with the Lancashire Apprenticeship Ambassadors Network.

David Robinson, TrakRap's operations director, said: "We're over the moon for Danny, who thoroughly deserves his award. His drive, determination and natural ability have never been in question, so we're thrilled his efforts have been recognised by the wider engineering and apprenticeships communities.

"We're firm believers in the importance of apprenticeships as an effective way of ensuring the manufacturing industry continues to flourish in future and, with Danny setting the standard for other apprentices to aspire to, we're confident that that will be the case."

TrakRap is a UK designer and producer of sustainable secondary packaging solutions for FMCG manufacturers and manufactures its own stretch wrapping machinery.

## Employer and Apprentice Ambassadors on film

### The Printed Cup Company

The Federation of Small Businesses have filmed a video of Mark Woodward from Printed Cup promoting apprenticeships, this has been on Twitter and is on their website.

Mark has this to say...

"The Printed Cup company is a fast-growing company, invariably we have to train the people we need as no one knows how to make a paper cup, we have been involved with apprenticeship scheme for many years, starting with a person doing warehouse and distribution, that apprentice has gone on to do management training and is now director of manufacturing.



The apprenticeship scheme is not only developing young people to do the jobs we need but is also developing them as people, with one of our apprentices now selected as one of the top 100 in the country.

Apprenticeships are also helping the local community, allowing students to stay in the local community whilst developing new skills."



### Crowberry Consulting

Crowberry Consulting have filmed a testimonial for learndirect as Mary has just completed her Level 2 in Business Administration and the whole team has undertaken on line training courses. This has been posted on twitter promoting apprenticeships.

Crowberry Consulting have recently won the FSB award for Ethical-Green Business of the year



## Network included in The Amazing Apprenticeships Newsletter

The work of Lancashire Ambassador network has been included in the amazing apprenticeship Apprentice Champions newsletter. You can see the article by following the link to the Ask in the North Newsletter from [Amazing Apprenticeships](#).



### Apprenticeship Ambassadors

A recent presentation and FAA workshop at Archbishop Temple School Year 11 "Thinking Ahead Day" was supported by three Apprentice Ambassadors. All Year 11 students had a school iPad which they were able to use in the FAA session which made registration so much easier!

There were three ambassadors who supported the event. All three are part of the Lancashire Apprentice Ambassador Network coordinated by the Lancashire Forum, who are also developing an employer network too.

## E-Safety Training

North Lancs Training group have kindly offered places for our Apprentice Ambassadors on their e safety training course. The training will be held on the 11th April 18 at NLTG's Old Bakery site in Accrington. The session will run from 9.30 to 1pm. NLTG have requested that delegates are seated for 9.20am for an exercise pre start (with coffee). There will be a coffee break at approx. 11.00 with an expected finish of 12.30.

An email has been sent out to all Apprentice Ambassadors with the agenda for the session. If you would like to register please contact [sam@lancsforum.co.uk](mailto:sam@lancsforum.co.uk). Full joining instructions will be sent out on booking.

### Agenda:

- What do we understand E-Safety and Online safety as?
- Why is important we know more about being safe?
- The Three C's
- Popular apps
- Benefits
- Concerns and dangers
- Fake News / false Images
- Associated dangers and terminology
- What protection / support is available?

