Greater Essex CAREERS HUB | THE CAREERS & ENTERPRISE COMPANY

Employer Network Newsletter

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Good morning all,

Thank you for being part of our employer network.This month we're sharing exciting opportunities to support young people, build your future talent pipeline, and connect with schools and colleges across Greater Essex. From upcoming events and employer case studies to projects you can get involved in, there's plenty to explore. Read on to discover how your business can make an impact.

Upcoming events

Wed 11th Nov | 10:00 - 15:00 | Braxted Park Estate
Essex Chamber of Commerce

Festival of Business

The Festival of Business is your gateway to new opportunities, fresh insights, and valuable connections across the county's thriving business community. Whether you're an entrepreneur, business leader, or simply passionate about the future of enterprise in Essex, this event is designed for you.

Register Here

Tues 17th Nov | 09:30 - 10:00 | ONLINE
Got 30 minutes to invest in your future workforce?

Join us online for **Careers Connect: Shaping the Future Workforce Together.**

This bite-sized online session will showcase real employer case studies, successful work experience models, and practical ways to connect with future talent while supporting young people across Essex.

Register Here

Interested in collaborating with the Hub?

Explore some of the exciting projects we're currently working on and find out how you can get involved!

Boosting Skills Pathways (T-Levels)

Do you know what a T-Level is?

T-Levels combine classroom learning with valuable workplace experience. By hosting a T-Level student for one day a week, your business can benefit from fresh ideas, extra support and the opportunity to help develop future talent.
Interested in finding out more? **Get in touch today.**

Sector Insights Day: May 2027

Could your business help shape the workforce of tomorrow?

We are looking for businesses to share insights into their industry to help skills professionals understand the current skills gaps and how to prepare young people for careers in Essex's growth sectors. **Get in touch to find out more.**

Supporting your business growth with ARU

Looking to develop your workforce or attract new talent? Anglia Ruskin University's Degrees at Work team works with employers across a range of sectors, **offering degree apprenticeships**, professional development and bespoke training solutions tailored to your business needs.

Get In Touch

A huge thank you to our employer partners!

We'd like to celebrate the success of our recent Future Ready visits to ROM Theatre Arts, Openreach and Southend-on-Sea City Council. These visits gave young people the opportunity to experience real workplaces, meet professionals and explore local career opportunities.

A huge thank you to everyone involved. From the teams who welcomed students to the schools and partners who supported the visits, your time and enthusiasm helped make these experiences possible. Together, we're inspiring young people to explore their future career options with confidence.

Case Study: Ipeco and The FitzWimarc School

Delivering Year 9 Modern Work Experience at Scale

This case study has been written by Matt Coffey, one of the Careers Leads involved in the Work Experience (WEX) pilot, and reflects his direct experience of planning and delivering the programme.
This case study focuses on a partnership between FitzWimarc School and Ipeco, an aviation engineering company based in the Rayleigh and Rochford area. The work forms part of the Year 9 Modern Work Experience (MWexp) programme, which aims to introduce students to employers and workplace expectations at an earlier stage in their education.

As one of the students who attended the visit explained:
"they had a disabled guy there and I never see people like me with disabilities doing cool things"

Read More

Could your business get involved?

If you've been considering offering work experience but aren't quite sure where to begin, now is the perfect time to **start the conversation**.
There are many ways for businesses of all sizes to get involved, including:

- Work experience placements
- Workplace visits and tours
- Career talks and industry insight sessions
- Mock interviews and employability activities
- Mentoring and skills workshops

Getting involved is a fantastic way to showcase your industry, raise your organisation's profile, connect with future talent, and **make a positive impact** within your local community.

Contact Us

Careers Activity Requests

Every month our schools and colleges across Greater Essex request support at their careers events. We have a **full list of activities** on our website.

Ready to inspire young talent? Please contact us to let us know which activities you'd love to support.



Employer Standards

FREE self-assessment tool

Employer Standards is available for all business in Greater Essex, it's the perfect way to maximise the impact of your employer engagement with young people.

The framework helps to identify and plan your work with schools, special schools, and colleges, and align this with your business objectives.

View the Employer Standards Framework





Meet Claire and Madison!

Look out for **Claire and Madison** at networking events across Essex. They're always happy to chat about how your business can get involved with schools and colleges, inspire young people and connect with future talent!

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