

Connexions & Derby Training Providers Network Services Guide



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Who we are and what we do

The role of Connexions is to provide guidance to help young people to make positive decisions about their options, and to support them with practical activities such as applications, CVs, and interview preparation.

We provide a service to explore young people's individual skills and qualities to aid them to research opportunities that best suit their interest and needs, so that they can make an informed choice of their chosen pathways.

Connexions work with young people in Derby who are over compulsory school age and under 19 to participate in education or training and to signpost to employment opportunities. We also support young people aged 19 to 25 with a maintained Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Where we are and why we do it

CONNEXIONS advisers are based across the city with staff in each of the Early Help Teams in Derby, they each hold a caseload and deliver information, advice, guidance and support. This can take place over the phone, directly on a one to one basis and we also offer support with visits to educational establishments, including enrolments.

It is our statutory duty to track all relevant young people so that we can offer support where needed to ensure that they are all offered education, employment, or training opportunities within their chosen academic or vocational area. We also report to the Department for Education on the numbers of young people participating in education employment and training in Derby as well as to identify any gaps in local provision.

Contact us

For further advice or to request an appointment with a Connexions adviser please call **01332 643915** (Monday to Friday 9am -5pm) or email Connexions@derby.gov.uk.

Connexions Team Structure

Locality 1 & 5 covers:

Allestree, Chaddesden, Darley, Derwent, Oakwood, Spondon and Mackworth wards

Locality 2 covers:

Alvaston, Boulton, Chellaston and Sinfin wards

Locality 3 & 4 covers:

Abbey, Arboretum, Blagreaves, Littleover, Mickleover and Normanton wards

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Derby City Training Providers

Why study with a City Training Provider?

Derby has numerous training providers offering a wide range of opportunities for young people and adult across the city. Training Providers offer a personal programme of learning tailored to the needs of the individual. The focus is to offer a supportive environment normally specialising in specific vocational areas.

Training Providers have good business links with local employers and can help young people access work experience placements that could lead to employment or an Apprenticeship. This guide has been created to support users to access training provision across the city.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships provide learners with the chance to combine academic learning with working in a real life business, allowing them to gain new skills and knowledge while getting paid for providing a valuable service for their employer. The learner will take up full-time employment with a company and be paid for their work, while also getting time and support to complete their academic learning part of the programme. According to government figures, 90 per cent of apprentices in England stayed on in employment after completing their qualification; 71 per cent with the same employer.

Why? Because apprentices bring fresh ideas and ways of working that complement all businesses – no matter how big or small and whatever the sector. Businesses also tend to appreciate apprentices more when they have ‘come through the ranks’.

Training providers are there to support both the learner and the business by pairing them together to get the best fit and then ensuring an assessor makes regular visits to support the learning and development Apprenticeships are qualifications ranked level 2 and above.

Traineeships

A Traineeship is an education and training programme with work experience that is focused on giving young people the skills and experience that employers are looking for. At its core are work preparation training, English and maths for those who need it, and a high quality work experience placement.

Traineeships can last up to six months and include:

- Work preparation training
- English and maths* support if required.
- A work experience placement of six weeks to five months with an employer
- In addition to these basic elements, you and the training provider can add flexible additional content to meet the needs of your business and the local labour market.

Who is offering what?

This table is designed to show you what all the providers offer across Derby City. For more details of course content please go to the relevant provider page.

	Animal Care	Hospitality Catering	Childcare (Teaching Assistant)	Construction	Customer service	Enterprise	Finance	Hair & beauty	Health & social care / Adult care	HR support, Leadership and Management	IT	Maths & English	Multimedia	Painting and decorating	Sport	Retail Sales Business	Warehouse & Storage	Work skills / Employability	Traineeships	Business Administration	Digital Marketing	Art	Music	Fashion and Textiles	Design and Creative Studies	Engineering and Manufacturing	Personal Social Skills	
Access Training	X		X	X	X				X			X						X	X	X								
DBC Training		X		X	X		X				X	X					X	X	X	X	X							
DCG (Derby College Group)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
EMA							X				X		X								X				X			
Getahead Training								X				X						X										
Juniper			X		X				X			X						X	X									
Learning Unlimited Derby			X		X				X		X						X	X		X	X					X		
Mercia College Limited					X				X	X	X	X								X	X							
Mercia	Maths and English is ONLY alongside Apprenticeships as we don't offer Maths and English stand-alone qualifications.																											
The Prince's Trust		X			X	X			X		X					X		X										
Lees Brook Academy		X	X	X				X	X			X		X				X										
SmartTAR		X			X		X		X		X					X	X	X	X	X								
Workpays		X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X							X	
YMCA		X	X	X	X				X		X					X		X		X								

Access Training

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Training we offer

Include levels offered
Study Programme (Full-Time) September intake (Nottingham Location Only)

- Animal Care Level 1 and 2
- Construction Level 1
- Childcare Level 1 and 2

Traineeships

- In any vocational area age 16 – 24

Apprenticeships

- Business Administration 3
- Customer Service Level 2 and 3
- Team Leading
- Management
- Construction – Property Maintenance
- Childcare Level 2 and 3
- Clinical
- Teaching Assistant
- Housing

History of provider

With our 35-year training heritage comes a wealth of experience in matching the right individual to the right business and tailoring a delivery model to suit each employer organisation.

There are six key reasons why employers choose Access:

1. Results: our achievement rates are consistently higher than the national average.
2. Recruitment: we save our clients both time and effort by offering free apprenticeship recruitment, screening and selection.
3. Flexibility: we tailor our delivery model to days and timescales that suit you and your learners, and according to a blended model of face-to-face training and distance learning.
4. Shortest time-to-benefit: we offer training beyond academic terms and throughout the full year to support your staff in securing qualifications in the shortest time period.
5. Expertise: we employ trainers direct from the sector.
6. Pastoral care: Learners who feel supported through their apprenticeships and training programmes truly flourish. Our Learners First ethos caters for the learning requirements of each individual.

Opportunities for work experience

www.atem.co.uk/traineeship-vacancies.html

Yes – Traineeship Groups running year round for 16 – 24 year olds’ over various occupational competencies.

Progression opportunities

Traineeships

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Wrap-around support

Becky Dutton is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and she is supported by 2 assistant Safeguarding Officers. Her role is to ensure that all the learners at Access Training are supported correctly throughout their time with us. She looks at any barriers individuals may have, related to their learning and attendance, and, with them, looks at how we can overcome these.

- We support learners from all sectors of society.
- We want you to feel good, respected and be able to achieve the best you can.
- We provide equality and fairness for you regardless of gender, marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, religion, age or care responsibilities.

- We will not discriminate against you, neither will we tolerate discrimination by others.
- We provide detailed and impartial information, advice and guidance (IAG) to help people find the right career choice for them.
- We have a monthly calendar of citizenship events where we explore and celebrate different topics such as diversity, human rights, disability awareness and cultural celebrations with all of our learners and staff.

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

“All the staff and everyone there are very welcoming, helpful and understanding. The training provided is good and meets objectives.”

“Can work at your own pace and at the times best to suit you.”

“The best thing about Access Training is the support and friendliness of staff.”

“It’s flexible, you can start any time in the year. You can volunteer and do the work independently. You don’t have to attend college.”

“Excellent support and freedom to relatively work at your own pace.”

DBC Training

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Training we offer

- Employability Skills and Personal Development up to Level 2
- Essential Digital Skills Entry Level 3 and Level 1
- ICDL Level 2
- Business Skills Accredited via AAT
- Warehouse and Storage Level 2
- Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in Construction – including CSCS Card
- Customer Service Level 2
- Business Administration Level 2
- Functional Skills in Math and English Entry Level – Level 2
- Traineeship provision - 16-18 years
- Employer led bespoke SWAPs with guaranteed interviews
- Apprenticeships available in:
 - Business Administration
 - Customer Service
 - Digital Marketing
 - Leadership and Management
 - Recruitment
 - Retail
 - Sales Executive
 - Supply Chain
 - Team Leader
 - Coaching Professional
 - Warehouse

History of provider

Developing Better Choices.

Creating Brighter Futures.

DBC Training have been supporting people into employment and onto skills since 2000. We've helped improve the lives of over 30,000 individuals and supported over 6,000 businesses to recruit and upskill their employees and reach their potential.

Progression stats:

22 Years of experience

86% Achieve distinction

32,000 Individuals supported

43% Unemployed people into work

Opportunities for work experience

Work experience available via Traineeship provision.

Trail shifts may be offered via SWAP delivery.

Progression opportunities

Vacancies through our sector based work academies (SWAPS).

Progression onto apprenticeship vacancies.

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

Ofsted GOOD following 2022 inspection

"Adult learners and apprentices are positive about their learning. Adults particularly value the job search and CV writing skills they develop."

"I would like to say a big thank you to my IT tutor for his support and his patience during this training. It matters a lot to have a tutor so understanding and patient, it made me feel comfortable and it gave me the feeling I can achieve anything. Thank you."

Derby College Group

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Training we offer

The choice is yours: we offer a vast range of subjects as well as different routes and entry levels. Alongside traditional academic pathways, you will discover exciting vocational, technical and apprenticeship options, including T Levels – the dynamic new qualifications which combine classroom studies with an extended work placement.

A-levels

Apprenticeships

Agriculture - 1-3

Animal Care - 1 - 6

Art and Design – 2-6

Bridging Programmes – 1

Business, Leadership and Management – 1-5

Childcare – 1- 5

Conservation, Countryside and Arboriculture – 2 - 3

Construction (including brickwork, carpentry and joinery, electrical installation, painting and decorating, plastering, plumbing and gas training) – 1 – 3

Creative Media (moving image and audio) and Digital Multi-Media – 2-3

Engineering - 1-6

Equine - 2-6

Floristry – 2

Games Design and Esports – 1-3

GCSE Plus (English Language, English

Literature, Mathematics, Combined

Science, Business Studies, Media Studies, History)

Hair and Beauty - 1-3

Health – 1-5

Horticulture – 2-3

Inclusion Curriculum Pathways (for students with learning difficulties/disabilities)

IT, Digital Skills and Computer Science – 2-5

Motor Vehicle – 1 - 3

Music – 2-6

Performing Arts – 2-6

Professional Construction – 2-5

Public Services and Security – 1-6

Retail including Fashion Business – 2-6

Science – 2-3

Sport – 1-5

Teacher Training, Coaching and Mentoring – 3-5

Travel and Tourism – 1-3

TLevels – 2-3: Civil Engineering; Design, Surveying and Planning; Digital Production, Design and Development; Digital Support; Education and Childcare; Health; Science; Management and Administration; Engineering and Manufacturing.

History of provider

Derby College Group (DCG) is one of England's largest colleges with more than 20,000 students, £48 million turnover and 1,300 employees. The Group consists of:

The Joseph Wright Centre

Post-16 Academic and Arts College

The Roundhouse

Technical and Professional Skills College

Broomfield Hall

Land-based and Leisure College

The Community College, Ilkeston

Adult Learning

Roundhouse Corporate division which works in partnership with more than 3,000 employers.

Our overall grade from Ofsted is 'good' and two aspects of our work are rated as 'outstanding' – our flourishing partnerships with employers and our support for high-needs students.

Opportunities for work experience

You cannot beat hands-on experience of what it is like to work in your chosen industry. DCG will support you to find exciting, high-quality work experience and industry placement opportunities so that you can hit the ground running in your career.

Progression opportunities

We equip you with all the skills and knowledge you need to achieve your future goals – whether you want to secure a job or apprenticeship, to progress to further study at college or university, or even to launch your own business.

From your very first contact with us, we ensure you are on the right study pathway to match your career aspirations. It could be an academic or vocational route, an apprenticeship programme or one of our new T Levels.

Our teaching teams are made up of industry experienced professionals who can help you develop all the skills and qualities that employers are looking for. You will also have the support of a Student Experience and Progression Coach to help you get where you want to be.

We offer full information, advice, and guidance to help you decide on your next steps.

Wrap-around support

Our experienced and friendly staff are dedicated to your wellbeing and success during your studies. You will benefit from:

- Outstanding careers advice: No matter what stage of your learning journey you have reached, we offer high-quality careers guidance to set you on the right path.
- Our impartial information, advice and guidance services will help you make more informed decisions about your future. We have been awarded the top accreditation under the national Career Mark scheme.
- Welfare Advice and Support: if you have concerns that are not directly related to your studies such as health and mental health issues, problems at home, financial hardship or relationship problems, our Welfare Support team is here to listen, support and guide you.
- Inclusion and Support Services: if you have any kind of learning difficulty and/or disability, we offer tailored services to meet your individual needs and make studying with Derby College Group as easy and enjoyable as possible.
- Support tailored to you: Benefit from a Student Experience and Pastoral Coach who will be assigned to you throughout your time at College, ensuring your learning stays on track. You can also access a wide range of additional support to attain your goals, depending on your individual learning needs.

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

Ofsted say: *DCG's overall grade from Ofsted is 'good' and two aspects of our work are rated as 'outstanding' – our flourishing partnerships with employers and our support for high-needs students.*

DCG students say:
98% of DCG students would recommend DCG to a friend.

97% of DCG students say the teaching on their programme is good.
96% of DCG students say that their study programme is preparing them for their next chosen steps.

98% of DCG students feel they are being helped to make good progress.

93% of DCG students regard DCG as a safe place.

Browse DCG student success stories:
www.derby-college.ac.uk/rolemodel/

EMA Training



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Training we offer

- Accounts Assistant L2 Apprenticeship
- Assistant Accountant L3 Apprenticeship
- Payroll Administrator L3 Apprenticeship
- Payroll Assistant Manager L5 Apprenticeship
- Professional Accounting/Taxation Technician L4 Apprenticeship
- Information Communications Technician L3 Apprenticeship
- Network Engineer L4 Apprenticeship
- Software Development L3 Apprenticeship
- Digital Marketer L3 Apprenticeship
- Junior Content Producer L3 Apprenticeship
- Digital Support Technician L3 Apprenticeship
- Commercial Accountancy Training at Level 3 & Level 4 (evening classes)

History of provider

EMA Training is a private training provider specialising in the delivery of high quality apprenticeships in Finance, Technology and Digital.

Set up in 2013 by Chief Executive, Tracey Mosley, EMA has become synonymous with high quality apprenticeship provision and outstanding customer service, which is reinforced by their 100+ 5 star Google reviews.

As an organisation, EMA firmly believes that the most effective training for apprentices is through face to face, tutor led delivery, supplemented by mentoring in their place of work. This blended approach helps to develop not just the apprentice's technical skills, but also softer skills around communication, confidence and relationship building.

Whilst having a strong focus on entry level apprentices aged 16-24, EMA readily supports more mature candidates who are perhaps pursuing a career change or looking to upskill through vocational training.

The team are talented, vibrant and absolutely passionate about customer experience, whether that be apprentice or employer.

Opportunities for work experience

EMA are happy to provide work experience in the following areas:

- Sales
- Recruitment
- Training
- Finance
- IT
- Marketing

Progression opportunities

Opportunity to progress onto a higher-level apprenticeship and into a full-time permanent role.

Wrap-around support

- IAG sessions
- Employability, interview preparation and CV Workshops
- One-to-one reviews
- Additional support needs
- Cognassist Assessment and Support
- Access to a rewards and recognition platform
- High level Safeguarding
- Masterclasses delivered by industry experts
- Alumni Group

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

"EMA Training Ltd is an excellent training centre that has very friendly and welcoming staff!"

"Having learned at various colleges previously, I can confidently say by far that EMA is the best college's I have ever been too. They are so supportive and want the best for their students and employees."

"EMA offers outstanding support to apprentices, also adding fun!"

"We have been really impressed with the apprenticeship process through EMA. Our apprentice has progressed well through their technical exams and has become a real asset to the business. We would certainly recommend the services of EMA Training."

"I have nothing but good things to say about EMA Training. Great people to deal with and a fantastic place for apprentices to learn the skills they need to thrive in industry."

GetaHead Training Derby Campus



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Training we offer

- Level 2 and 3 NVQ Hairdressing Professionals (Intermediate and Advanced Apprenticeship)
- Traineeships (barbering/hairdressing)
- Level 1 and 2 NVQ in Hairdressing
- Level 2 NVQ in Barbering (Study Programme)
- TAQA (Teaching and Quality Assurance) Qualification
- Flexibility to cater for individual needs
- We consider your style, ability and career desires/needs, and match them against your interests and vocational pathway
- Improved self-confidence
- Leading to raised aspirations and increased motivation as we tailor your programme around your individual needs
- Bespoke 1:1 and group packages
- Available to all learners to support both personal and professional advancement and achievement.
- Working with local and national chained organisations
- 100% of which employ our learners via our NTG site - for Apprenticeships
- Free Training - Subject to eligibility

History of provider

GetaHead Training is a specialist Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy and Barbering training provider which currently provides government funded apprenticeships, traineeships and full / part time courses and NVQs across Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire and Derbyshire. GetaHead is part of the Nottinghamshire Training Group which has been delivering nationally accredited

training in other vocational areas such as business, administration, childcare, customer service and teaching assistants to young people since 1978.

Opportunities for work experience

Work trials can be arranged between salons and young people to help get in to effective employment. These will be set up by our employment team before apprenticeship is offered. Traineeships and Study programmes will include work placements as part of the course.

Progression opportunities

Progression is available throughout all levels of hair and beauty and in to part-time and full-time employment in other areas. The tutors will work with you to help you improve your employability skills and increase your job readiness.

Progression successes

We have had great success with learner's progression from level 2 to 3 in hairdressing.

Wrap-around support

- Individual support where needed
- On-going IAG to help with progression
- EHC Plan support for those with other needs
- English and Maths support in Functional Skills – including online delivery
- Employability Skills Workshops
- We hold the Matrix Standard award for IAG

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

"Was quite a number of years ago I trained here for both of my NVQs'. Lovely tutors and having been to both NTG and North Notts College (NNC). I found NTG was by far miles better! And even picked me up during a difficult time in my life and put me back on track with my NVQ. So much better and you get way more help and support and make you really feel valued." SARAH HEMMINGS

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Training we offer

- GCSE Maths and English
- Functional Skills in Maths and English E3, level 1 and level 2
- Business Administration Level 1 and level 2
- Customer Services level 1 and level 2
- Level 2 Introduction to Childcare
- Paediatric First Aid Certificate at level 3
- Safeguarding level 1
- Food Hygiene level 1
- Health & Safety level 1
- Allergy Awareness
- Work preparation training
- Traineeships in all work areas
- Apprenticeships in Business Administration, Childcare, Customer Services, Retail and Warehousing

History of provider

Operating for over 35 years, Juniper is one of the UK's most experienced providers of training and apprenticeships.

With 14 delivery sites located across the West Midlands, East Midlands and North West, we support in excess of 2000 students per year and work with over 300 employers. Rated as GOOD by Ofsted in all areas of provision, we are ideally placed to support students, adults and employers in bridging the skills gaps between education and employment.

Progression stats

90% of the students who attended from August 2020 to July 2021 progressed into either an apprenticeship, employment, higher education or further education.

Opportunities for work experience

All students complete a work placement in their chosen career choice and they are supported by a Progression Coordinator. All work placements are sourced by Juniper and have been risk assessed for health and safety.

Progression opportunities

- Apprenticeships within Juniper and partnership organisations
- Employment and training
- Further and higher education

Wrap-around support

- Bursary support with travel costs, lunch vouchers, interview clothes or any other barrier to progression
- Trained safeguarding officers
- One to one reviews
- Student support specialist to help diagnose any support needs

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

Juniper are an innovative, flexible and experienced provider in delivering training solutions to individuals and businesses in Wolverhampton and throughout the Midlands. We are listed on the Governments Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers and are Rated as GOOD by Ofsted in all areas of provision.

"Amazing training provider. So immensely proud of how much they have helped me to grow, without them I wouldn't have been able to achieve such amazing grades. Huge thank you to all the staff who have helped and supported me over the years your all amazing."

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Training we offer

Apprenticeships in:

- Business Administrator Level 3
- Customer Service Practitioner Level 2
- Customer Service Specialist Level 3
- Digital Marketer Level 3
- Supply Chain Operative Level 2
- Hire Controller Level 2
- Lean Manufacturing Operative Level 2
- Information Communications Technician Level 3
- Assistant Accountant Level 3
- HR Support Level 3
- Team Leader Level 3
- Operations/Departmental Manager Level 5
- Teaching Assistant Level 3
- Quality Practitioner Level 4
- Learning and Development Practitioner Level 3
- Engineering Fitter Level 3
- Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician Level 3
- Engineering Technician Level 3
- Metal Fabricator Level 3
- Engineering Manufacturing Technician Level 4
- Adult Care Worker Level 3
- Lead Adult Care Worker Level 3
- Early Years Practitioner Level 2
- Early Years Educator Level 3

Adult Education Budget to support those in work who are looking to upskills

Commercial courses in engineering, professional administration, team leading and management

History of provider

Learning Unlimited Derby, which is part of the Chesterfield College Group, has been established in Derby for over 20 years.

Our aim is two-fold, to provide apprentices with the best opportunities to learn whilst they earn and ultimately gain employment and also provide employers with the best apprentices for their business alongside training and development plans that deliver results.

Opportunities for work experience

We work with employers to support their apprenticeship recruitment and there are opportunities for work experience as part of the recruitment process.

Progression opportunities

Progression is available throughout all levels of our apprenticeship programmes and we can also offer progression in to higher education within our engineering and management provisions.

We have had great success in our study programme learners progressing in to engineering apprenticeships

Wrap-around support

- Individual support where needed
- On-going IAG to help with progression
- Bursary for learners who are entitled
- EHC Plan support for those with other needs
- English and Maths support in Functional Skills
- Employability Skills
- We hold the Matrix Standard award for IAG

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

“The partnership with Learning Unlimited has ensured we are able to deliver a high quality work-based learning provision which achieves our aims of developing the workforce for the future. The partnership has also improved our ability to respond to other training needs in the organisation.”
Kirsty Norman, HR Leadership and Talent Officer at Derbyshire Constabulary

Mercia College Limited



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Training we offer

Care

- Adult Care Worker Level 2
- Lead Adult Care Worker Level 3
- Lead Practitioner in Adult Care Level 4
- Leader in Adult Care Level 5

IT & Software

- Information Communications Technician Level 3
- Software Developer Level 4

Social Media & Marketing

- Digital Marketer Level 3
- Junior Content Producer Level 3
- Marketing Assistant Level 3
- Marketing Executive Level 4

Funeral

- Funeral Team Member Level 2
- Funeral Director Level 3

Business

- Customer Service Practitioner Level 2
- Customer Service Specialist Level 3
- Recruitment Resourcer Level 2
- Recruitment Consultant Level 3
- Business Administrator Level 3
- HR Support Level 3

Management

- Team Leader/Supervisor Level 3
- Operations/Departmental Manager Level 5

History of provider

Over the last fourteen years, Mercia College Limited has become a successful training provider of apprenticeship training in England, servicing over 500 employers and 4000 apprentices with high levels of quality and success.

We specialise in the delivery of professional Apprenticeships including Digital Media and Marketing, Business Administration, Management, Health Care, Clinical Care, Funeral Operations and Recruitment.

We offer a personalised and tailored service. We collaborate together with local talent and businesses to enhance careers and the economy through workplace training.

Mercia College Limited will provide you with a unique service to ensure your workforce keeps your business at the cutting edge of industry developments, providing outstanding services to your customers.

Opportunities for work experience

Don't currently offer work experience.

Progression opportunities

Progression from one apprenticeship onto another. For example – Adult Care Worker Level 2 completion can move onto Lead Adult Care Worker Level 3 apprenticeship if the learner is able to gain experience from the employer.

Wrap-around support

- Regular contact will be made with all apprentices to ensure that Health, Safety, Equality & Diversity, Safeguarding, Prevent and British Values and welfare is upheld.
- Designated safeguarding team to support all apprentices if they require any support.
- Support in CV writing.
- Regular one-to-one teaching and learning sessions. Offering increased sessions/ more regular sessions if needed.
- Providing ongoing support to enable apprentices to achieve their goals and aspirations.
- Support with functional skills Maths and English with our specialist functional skills tutors.
- Help build up experience and skills that employers want to see.
- Updated information, advice, and guidance regarding apprenticeships. Shown within monthly newsletters.
- Reinforce new knowledge, skills, and behaviours.
- Apprentice of the Month scheme
- Roadshows
- Events during National Apprenticeship Week.

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

“Having struggled with education in the past, Mercia College has helped me to achieve my level 3 which I am very proud of myself for.” - learner

“I have completed my Level 2 in Care. The course was structured very well and was given very fair time periods to complete modules alongside working full time. My tutor was very dedicated and always available by phone call, text message or email if I needed any help.” - learner

“The communication is amazing, and I learned so many things that I will use in my future roles.” – learner

“Supporting our employees to develop their skills and reach their career potential is a key focus of learning and development, and an area I am personally passionate about. The brilliant professional relationship created with Mercia College, forms a great foundation to support employees across the company to complete qualifications which are a fundamental aspect of our career pathways.” – Employer

[Learner Experience – Mercia College](#)

Prince's Trust

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All programmes are free of charge.

Training we offer

Enterprise for 18-30 year olds

The qualification is delivered through the Enterprise programme and supported by the Exploring Enterprise workbook. The Level 1 Award consists of 3 units – Personal Progression, Marketing and Understanding Money. We offer one-to-one support to help young people explore and test their ideas, support in writing a business plan, funding support to start their own businesses (if required and if eligible) and 2-years ongoing support with a business mentor.

Get into & get started for 16 – 25 year olds

Sector based Level 1 or Level 2 qualification and first aid certificate. Working with major employers i.e. M&S, NHS.

Team for 16 – 25 year olds

12 week confidence building programme including residential stay, team building exercises, community project.

Now run in Derby, Ilkeston and Chesterfield.

History of provider

The Prince's Trust was set up by Prince Charles in 1976. Our programmes support 13 to 30 year-olds who are struggling at school and at risk of exclusion or those who are unemployed.

Our programmes give young people the practical and financial support needed to stabilise their lives.

We help young people:

- Work out whether self-employment is right for them by helping them to test their ideas, write plans and start their own businesses or achieve other goals in education, training, volunteering or work.
- Develop skills, prepare for work and improve their confidence.
- Individually tailored personal development programmes and short engagement programmes such as get Into and Get Started.

Opportunities for exploring self-employment:

Who is eligible?

Young people aged 18 to 30 who:

- Are unemployed or working fewer than 16 hours a week?
- Are interested in self-employment.
- Those who have a business idea they want help to explore.

What does it offer young people?

Participants can:

- Work out whether self-employment is right for them.
- Explore and test their business ideas.
- Meet other young people considering self-employment.
- Develop their skills.
- Work with a mentor.
- Start their own business or achieve alternative goals in education, training, work or volunteering.

Progression opportunities

Young people can receive progression mentoring to help improve their employability skills and access training, employment and volunteering opportunities or business start-up support.

Wrap-around support

The Prince's Trust Mentors who give their time to support young people.

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

"I was looking for support for my new start-up, I came across the brilliant opportunities that Prince's Trust have for young people. I enquired about the Business Enterprise programme. The 2-day workshop was great. It's been a great journey and I thank Helen for the encouragement given every week. I have strengthened my business during my time with The Prince's Trust. I would highly recommend working with The Prince's Trust to support your ambition and goals. The skills you build on are credible and worthwhile."

Lees Brook Community School

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Training we offer

Programmes offered to students include:

Vocational Programmes

- Sport Level 3 (A 'Level equivalent)
- Construction (brickwork) Level 1
- Construction (brickwork) Level 2
- Health and Social Care Level 1
- Health and Social Care Level 2
- Health and Social Care Level 3
- Hairdressing and Beauty Level 1
- Hairdressing Level 2
- Hairdressing Level 3
- Beauty Level 2
- Beauty Level 3
- Hospitality and Catering Level 1
- Hospitality and Catering Level 2
- Pathway to Independence - Entry level 3 only

Maths and English

- Maths and English Functional Skills – Entry Level to Level 1

Maths and English GCSE – students are able to take the GCSE as a first entry or as a re-take.

History of provider

The Skills Academy is a 6th form based at Lees Brook School, Chaddesden. Lees Brook is a school that cares for the people within it. We have a uniquely inclusive school which allows everyone to succeed. Our safe, successful and positive learning community ensures that every student is able to fulfil their potential; but more than that, to also become well rounded young people who will go on and thrive in the world of work.

Progression statistics:

In 2021 88% of students progressed positively with 40% going straight into employment and another 8% into apprenticeships and 40% into further learning. This is an amazing achievement within the post pandemic restrictions.

Opportunities for work experience

All students have access to purposeful work experience and contact with local employers.

Students are accompanied on workplace visits to support their learning and to enrich their knowledge in the vocational area they are studying. They are supported by The Skills Academy to gain work experience or part time employment as part of their studies.

Employers work closely with the Academy staff team to support the assessment of students and to help prepare students for the world of work.

Progression opportunities

The Skills Academy have exceptional success with the progression of students. Student's progress to the following areas:

- Employment
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Further learning
- Volunteering
- Residential college

Wrap-around support

Individual Support – Lees Brook Skills Academy has an excellent reputation for the high level support given to students to enable all to achieve. If you decide to come to The Skills Academy you will benefit from:

- On site industrial standard vocational facilities including a kitchen, construction workshop and commercial salon.
- Small teaching groups where you will receive individual attention and support from a dedicated team of teachers and support staff.
- A personal tutor who will be on hand to advise you and guide you through your course.
- Access to on site Careers Personal Guidance

Financial Support – You may be eligible to receive financial support to help to pay towards course related costs such as travel, meal costs, equipment and trips. The bursary is available to students aged 16-19 who are enrolled on full time or part time FE courses and who meet the following eligibility criteria. Bursary funding of up to £1,200 is available for the following groups of learners:

- Young people in care
- Care leavers
- Learners in receipt of Income Support
- Disabled learners in receipt of Employment Support Allowances who are also in receipt of a Disability Living Allowance

- Have been resident in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland for the last three years (other rules may apply).
- You may be entitled to Discretionary Bursary funding if you are:
- Dependent on someone on income support or Employment Support Allowance.
- Dependent of someone claiming the Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit.
- Dependent of someone with a household income of less than £16,190.
- Can demonstrate that you are facing financial hardship.

Care to Learn – If you are a young parent, you may be able to apply to the Care to Learn Scheme to help with your childcare costs.

If you want further details please ask a member of staff at your interview.

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

"Students who attend the school's 'Skills Academy' in key stage 5 are thriving. This centre is well regarded in the community. Students study courses which meet their specific needs and interests. They achieve well."

"The learning facilities are excellent. Staff care passionately about students' enjoyment of learning and their success. Expectations are high and students respond positively to this."

"They (students) receive high-quality careers guidance and enjoy meaningful experiences of the world of work, such as meeting employers from different fields."

SmartTAR

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Training we offer

- Apprenticeships Standards across Levels 2 to 5.
- Traineeships (under 19s only unless with EHCP)
- 19+ Advanced Learner Loans
- Various sectors, Nationwide delivery.
- Remote and face to face blended delivery.
- Call/email/live chat for details.

History of provider

We're a dynamic Training Provider, approved by Ofsted and we deliver high quality, Government funded Apprenticeship Programmes throughout England.

In fact, since we opened our doors in 2003 we've delivered over 16,000 successful Apprenticeships and helped over 5,000 employers reap the benefit of having a dedicated, well trained and enthusiastic workforce. We offer our learners the chance to gain accredited vocational qualifications with support from our expert team of highly skilled and inspirational Training Advisors.

Opportunities for work experience

Nationwide, as part of a Traineeship.

Free Recruitment Service.

Progression opportunities

- Advanced Level and Higher Level Apprenticeships.

Wrap-around support

One-on-one tutor to learner support, in the workplace.

Dedicated training advisors, trained to the highest industry standards.

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

- Apprentices benefit from highly effective support from training advisors and employers. They develop high levels of confidence and good industry skills which enable them to progress well and make a valuable contribution to the businesses in which they work.
- Leaders and managers have developed excellent relationships with employers, enabling them to deliver high-quality programmes that meet local and regional needs and the needs of apprentices.
- Employers value the expertise that apprentices develop during their programmes and they recognise the improved contribution that apprentices make to the businesses.

Workpays

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Training we offer

ESF NEET –15-24

You will gain confidence and learn about your next career steps. Covering core skills in:

- 121 and group support into a positive progression
- Personnel Development and social skills
- Non-regulated activities to increase learner confidence and employability skills
- Regulated activity leading to an industry qualification
- Functional skills in Maths & English Entry level 1 – Level 2

Study Programme - 16-19 or upto 24 with EHCP

You will gain: Progression qualification based on your own career aims. Covering core skills in:

- Alcohol awareness
- Drugs awareness
- Email skills
- Word processing
- Preparing for work
- Functional skills in Math's & English Entry level 1 to Level 2

You will also complete taster elements in your chosen vocational area which could include:

- Business & Retail
- Childcare
- Construction with CSCS card
- Mechanics
- Health & Social Care
- Plus, many more!

Traineeships

Covering core skills in:

- Alcohol awareness
- Drugs awareness
- Email skills
- Word processing
- Preparing for work
- Functional skills in Math's and English
- Work experience with a preferred employer

Apprenticeships

- Leadership & Management
- Financial Services
- Project Management
- Professional Services (Business Administration and Customer Service)
- Financial Services
- Recruitment & Sales
- Improvement Technician

Progression stats:

Workpays study programme and traineeships to NEET 16 – 18 year olds within the city of Derby. Current achievement rate 93% 75% + positive progressions into paid work, apprenticeship, education or further training

History of provider

Workpays Ltd is a privately-owned Independent Training Provider (ITP) based primarily in the East and West Midlands. Embarking on a proactive organic growth strategy, we have centers in Derby, Leicester and Chester and additional coverage in West Midlands & Northamptonshire. We work closely with our funding and awarding bodies to ensure all participants reach their desired outcome or take correct steps in order for this to be achieved we believe that any small changes make a big difference.

Opportunities for work experience

All programmes listed include work experience within chosen sector (age permitting) we work with key employer in and around the city to ensure learners have suitable placements to achieve desired outcomes.

Progression opportunities

- Study programme
- Traineeship
- Apprenticeship
- Sustainable employment

Wrap-around support

LAG sessions regularly with employer engagement team

- Fully safeguarding policies in place with key organisations to ensure our learner are cared for and supported to the fullest
- SEN lead for any learning needs & EHCP support
- Regular guest speakers to inspire and increase depth of knowledge within areas such as crime, British values and drug awareness
- Financial support package for learners to apply

- Local ambassador attending events to help, inspire and mentor young people
- Regular support reviews with Tutors (every 6 weeks)
- 1-1 support • drop in job club sessions

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

2022 Ofsted have graded Workpays as GOOD across all measures

“Workpays offers a complete wrap around service to all their learners and have demonstrated that they go above and beyond.”

“Workpays has given me a reason to get out of bed in a morning. The trainers are great at understanding my individual needs and I cannot recommend them enough.”

“My apprenticeship has not only given me the ability to earn while I learn, but also the opportunity to work towards a qualification and a career with a real chance of progression.”

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YMCA KEY COLLEGE

Accredited vocational training courses for young people

Training we offer

- Hospitality and Catering (Entry Level to L1)
- Caring for Children (L1)
- Retail and Customer Service (L1 and L2)
- Health and Social Care (L2)
- IT with Business Administration (L1)
- Introduction to Construction (E3)

You can join at any time of the year.

History of provider

The YMCA in Derby dates back to 1847 and has been working with local young people ever since. We have been providing a college for young people in Derby since 2005. We provide a range of programmes for young people of ages 16 to 19 (and up to 24 with an EHCP) leading to accredited qualifications.

Progression stats

Popular destinations of students leaving YMCA Key College were:

Further Education (42%)

Employment (36 %)

Apprenticeship (3%)

Higher Education (3%)

Opportunities for work experience

At Marble Hall on Nightingale Road, we have a community café (Claude's) with a large commercial kitchen, where students can gain real-world experience.

Y-Kidz is YMCA Derbyshire's childcare provider, where we have opportunities for childcare students to gain experience of providing childcare.

All students have also had opportunities to work with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Our Retail students will gain opportunities to work in a real life shop.

Learners on all courses are encouraged to complete work placements in relevant settings.

Progression opportunities

We have well-established links with other colleges and training providers, and local employers in our sectors. Staff work with all students to support them by providing advice for employment to ensure the best possible outcome for the young person. We also have a project with Derby University which enable the students to progress to University.

Wrap-around support

- Each learner is provided with a personal tutor to enable them to make progress and complete their courses.
- All learners participate in regular reviews with their personal tutor.
- All staff are safeguarding trained and we have a well-established, dedicated safeguarding team
- Where eligible, students are provided with financial support such as bursaries, 16-19 Free Meals and breakfast club.
- We have a programme of impartial guidance on careers.
- Staff are trained in mental-health first-aid and autism awareness.
- All learners study mathematics and English as part of their courses to support them to develop these vital skills.
- We have an in house psychotherapist

Quote from Ofsted and/or learners

*"Staff provide a caring, supportive, environment for learners. This enables them to overcome barriers to learning, raising their aspirations and life chances".
"Learners make good progress with their learning. A large majority go on to further education and training or jobs after their study programme."*
Ofsted 2017

"Key College helped me to build up my confidence and helped me to get a job."
C, previous student.

"YMCA Key College is the best college ever. This is the first time I've ever got 100% in college or school. I can't thank the staff enough for what they do for me."
S, Current student

Are you 16-24?

Are you out of work and education or not sure what you'll do when your current course ends?

Our advisers can help you to find your way in life, through Skills for the Future.

Whether you need help with:

- Work
- Education
- Volunteering
- Apprenticeships & Training
- Managing additional needs

Get in touch

We like to talk! Contact Bal

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We can help people from all walks of life.
If you're under 25 and not sure what comes next, let's work it out together.

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Useful Contacts - Derby City

Adult Social Care	01332 640777
Careline	01332 786968
Chlamydia Results Line	01246 559431
Childline	0800 1111
CiC Council	01332 869393
Derby Home finder	01332 256483 www.derbyhomefinder.org
Disabled Childrens Services (Lighthouse)	01332 256990
Emergency Services	999
Hope Centre	01332 341189
Housing Options	01332 256483
Job Centre	03456 043719
Jubilee Project	01332 460347
NHS Direct	0845 4647111
NSPCC	0808 8005000
Padley Centre	01332 774480 and 01332 331280
Police non urgent	101
Reception (Social Care)	01332 641172
Riverside Housing	01332 222930
SEND Team	01332 643616 and 01332 642425 SENDadmin@derby.gov.uk
STI Results line (not chlamydia)	01332 254847
Talk to Frank	www.talktofrank.com

National Careers Service work with 18 year old NEET's and 19+

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/careersservice

Please get in contact with Careers Coach for free and impartial information, advice and guidance about career opportunities, learning and employment to any Derbyshire residents.

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Employment and education officers



Employment and education officers (EEOs) contact young people throughout the county aged between 16 and 18 years old to find out if they are in employment, education or training. This is a statutory requirement by the Department of Education.

EEOs are not responsible for information, advice and guidance training although they can:

- provide information about occupations and entry requirements
- offer advice to help find the right learning opportunity

Please contact Pam Bond, employment and education manager, by email:

pam.bond@derbyshire.gov.uk or tel: 07814 142810 if you want any further information. Or contact your local EEO.

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Bolsover and North East Derbyshire

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South Derbyshire and South Dales

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