

# Calderdale & Kirklees Careers

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## Press Release

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### **A Great Service for Calderdale Young People... and Adults!**

Halifax Connexions Centre was recently mystery shopped by a team of Calderdale Young Inspectors to make sure the service was up to scratch and providing an excellent service for the young people of Calderdale. The inspection, which also included a review of the premises and interviews with staff, was passed with flying colours. The Young Inspectors concluded, "We think Halifax Connexions Centre is accessible, it's in the middle of town, is wheelchair friendly and has information in different languages and formats. It's colourful, welcoming and easy to find your way around. The staff are friendly and helpful, you can talk to them about lots of different things. Or you can just come in and help yourself."

The Connexions Centre on Alexandra Street in Halifax is run by Connexions Personal Advisers from Calderdale & Kirklees Careers, alongside the Information Shop for Young People. They help young people with a whole range of things, from finding education and training opportunities to putting together CVs, applying for jobs, or dealing with many of the other issues facing teenagers. Personal Advisers, education and training providers and employers all work together to make sure opportunities are made known and that young people are in a good position to take them up. May 2010 saw an improvement for Calderdale 16-18 year olds with the number not in education, employment or training down to 389, compared with 490 in May 2009. However, the unemployment rate for young adults overall does remain high.

Adults are also welcome to visit the Halifax Connexions Centre, where specialist Careers 4 Adults Advisers are available at certain times during the week to offer information, advice and guidance on careers, education and training. You can get details of these Careers 4 Adults sessions, or get the information and advice you need over the phone, from our Learningline 0800 5 979 979 or through [www.workabout.org.uk](http://www.workabout.org.uk)

So, whatever your age, if you are looking for help with your next steps why not go along to Halifax Connexions Centre and see what's on offer? Advisers from Calderdale & Kirklees Careers are waiting to help you.

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## Editorial Notes

### *Calderdale & Kirklees Careers Ltd*

Calderdale & Kirklees Careers is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. Any surpluses are used to develop the services provided to our clients. As providers of Connexions services, Personal Advisers offer young people information, advice and guidance relating to a number of issues including careers, education and training. Working with partnership organisations within Centres we are also able to offer specialist support in other areas such as health, housing and money. Adults are also encouraged to visit Centres, with specialist Careers 4 Adults advisers available to offer information, advice and guidance on careers, education and training.

Connexions Centres are located in Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Halifax,

Huddersfield Connexions Centre	Dewsbury Connexions Centre	Halifax Connexions Centre
24 High Street	Dewsbury Library	16 Alexandra Street
Huddersfield	Railway Street	Halifax
HD1 2LR	Dewsbury	HX1 1BS
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