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## Press Release

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### **Employers - young people need you!**

Local businesses across Kirklees can now access a free support service aimed at providing help and advice for businesses employing or thinking about employing young people.

Calderdale & Kirklees Careers, based in Huddersfield, has worked with employers and young people for a number of years. "We work directly with local and regional employers who want to fill apprenticeships and other vacancies," says Michelle Morson, Employment & Training Adviser at C&K Careers. "We can advise employers about a wide range of work and training issues from an employer's or young person's perspective. We specialise in providing advice regarding employment law, employment legislation, working time regulation, national minimum wage rates, apprenticeships and other work based training issues." Michelle continues.

Apprenticeships are an ideal way to start a young person's career and help them to gain a qualification at the same time. Employers also benefit by working with enthusiastic young people who are keen to learn new skills and grow with the business.

As well as providing recruitment services, C&K Careers also organises over 7,500 work experience placements every year for school students age 14-16.

Jeanette Smart, manager at Spectrum Autos explains how work experience benefits both the employer and the young person, "We have been involved in work experience for some years and each year we take students on placement from local schools in our motor vehicle body repairs and re-sprays workshop. Usually the students come for an interview first - this gives us both the chance to see if it's what they want to do. We think that all students should have the opportunity to experience a work placement. It makes them understand what work is like, it gives them a chance to mix with older people, learn to follow instructions, realise the importance of taking responsibility and of working as a team. Last year we had two excellent students who were invited to get back in touch with us when they leave school if they want to pursue an apprenticeship."

Companies interested in finding out more about employing young people or work experience placements can contact Calderdale & Kirklees Careers on 01484 226750 or 227755

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## Editorial Notes

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