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Press Release

Connexions Kirklees 'Sort it'

Almost 800 young people leaving school this year in Kirklees are looking for apprenticeships and work based training.

To help them, Connexions Kirklees will be holding a 'Sort It' event at the Galpharm Stadium.

This event is specially designed for school and college leavers and their parents. There will be a range of exhibitors and a series of workshops to provide information advice and guidance on the range of apprenticeships and training available across Kirklees, West Yorkshire and nationally. Booking is not necessary and anyone can turn up on the day.

Last year, 238 Kirklees school leavers secured an apprenticeship, but the impact of the recession was clear as this number was as high as 639 in 2008.

With unemployment in the 16-18 age group running at 1,202, Calderdale & Kirklees Careers are working closely with local employers, training providers and the National Apprenticeship Service to increase the number of opportunities for young people across the area.

Kirklees Building Services commented that, 'The benefit that apprenticeship training gives us as a business is that the skills that our current workforce possess are passed onto the next generation of craftworker and this helps us to maintain a good quality of workmanship. If we weren't able to apprentice-train, a lot of these skills would be lost.'

The Sort It event takes place on Tuesday 30 March in the English Partnership Suite at the Galpharm from 3pm to 7pm. More information is available on 01484 226700.

If you are a business and wish to find out about how to get involved in apprenticeships and work placements for young people please contact Michelle or Russ on 01484 226751 or e-mail recruitline@ckcareers.org.uk

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Photo opportunity

3:30-3:45pm set up of a family group speaking to a Training Provider.

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