



**March 2019**

**ESB Advisory Group Newsletter**

**SAVE THE DATE!.....**

The next ND ESB Advisory Group Meeting will be held on

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**

**3pm**

**Saunton Sands Hotel**

Many thanks to Andrew from Brends on allowing us to use their facilities for our next meeting.

**Contact Details**

Any information you would like shown in the newsletter or if you have any dates for the diary of events please contact me

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**THINKING ABOUT TAKING  
ON AN APPRENTICE?**

**DON'T MISS OUR APPRENTICE  
RECRUITMENT EVENT**

**TUESDAY 7 MAY  
9-11AM  
NORTH DEVON CAMPUS**

On Tuesday 7 May we'll be hosting an **EMPLOYER FAYRE**, and we'd love you to get involved.

The event is aimed at students who are keen to enter the world of work after leaving college and would like to find out about local employment opportunities.

You are invited to exhibit at the event, to showcase your business and give you the perfect chance to chat to our learners about any potential work experience/apprenticeship vacancies you may have.

We're so proud of our students and know that their skills and enthusiasm would really enrich any business they choose to work with. We can't wait for you to meet them!

If you'd like to join us on Tuesday 7 May, please contact **01271 852419** or email [nicola.williams@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:nicola.williams@petroc.ac.uk) or [justine.valentine@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:justine.valentine@petroc.ac.uk)

 **Apprenticeships**  
**...WE'VE GOT THIS**  
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## T.LEVELS AND INDUSTRIAL PLACEMENTS

Industrial Placements are part of a new government initiative introduced in preparation for T-Levels (Technical Levels). T Levels will commence within selected colleges from 2020. Nicola Saunders (Petroc Industrial Placement Coordinator) is looking for businesses to offer Industry Placements of 315 hours (45 days) of work experience for Level 2/Level 3 students. For further details contact Nicola Saunders on 07976 240217/ [nicola.saunders@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:nicola.saunders@petroc.ac.uk)

[T Levels Industry Placements](#)

## SKILLS GAPS – APPRENTICES IN MANUFACTURING

**63% of UK manufacturers are now either using or planning to use apprenticeships and internships to grow their workforce while developing the skills they need.**

This statistic highlights how manufacturers are rethinking their workforce demographic in order to overcome the industry's lack of workers with specialist technical skills. However, while this is a promising solution to the skills gap, a recent report has revealed that just 6% of 16 to 24-year-olds are considering a career in manufacturing.

In our latest short guide, we:

- Address the skills gap
- Discuss the best strategies for recruiting and retaining apprentices; and
- Explain the laws surrounding pay, health and safety and the type of work young people can undertake.

[Click here to review the guide](#)

## PETROC JOB SHOP

Did you know that you can advertise all your vacancies for FREE using Petroc's Job Shop?

[Petroc Job Shop](#)

For further information email Mark Turnball at [jobshop@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:jobshop@petroc.ac.uk)

**THE JOB SHOP PETROC™**

Advertise your vacancies for **FREE** using Petroc's Job Shop

Reach over 5,000 Petroc students studying A-levels, vocational courses and degrees at Barnstaple and Tiverton campuses.

Vacancy types can include:

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Seasonal
- Casual
- Apprenticeships
- Work experience
- Industrial placements
- Voluntary

To advertise a job, or to find out more, email Mark: [jobshop@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:jobshop@petroc.ac.uk)

## NDMA TECHNOLOGY AWARDS 2019

North Devon Manufacturers Association hosts a prestigious annual awards ceremony to recognise the achievements of local manufacturers as well as the next generation of engineers & designers from North Devon's education providers.

The awards categories this year are:

***Manufacturer of the Year – Team of the Year – Apprentice of the Year – Environment Project of the Year – Innovation of the Year – Transformation of the Year – Business Engagement with STEM and Schools – Exporter of the Year – Best Product – Schools & Colleges Technology Awards***

The size of your organisation presents no barrier since awards are made on criteria relative to the individual organisation. The competition aims to identify and celebrate the expertise, technical specialisation, innovation, growth or other success of manufacturers and education within our local community. The judging panel consists of individuals who support and promote manufacturing excellence across the South West of England.

Awards will be presented at an evening function to be held at the **Barnstaple Hotel, Barnstaple, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2019**. It will be attended by entrants, members of NDMA, sponsors, guests and the media. It is a great opportunity for employers to reward their staff for their hard work and to share their expertise with others.

Please follow this link to the NDMA website to download entry instructions and the various application forms: <https://www.ndma.org.uk/news-events/ndma-awards/ndma-awards-2019/>

To download all forms as a Zip file please use this link: <https://www.ndma.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/NDMA-Awards-2019-all-entry-files.zip>

The deadline for entry into this year's NDMA awards is **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018**. We will not be able to accept any entries beyond this date, as judging will take place shortly afterwards.

### **Event details:**

Date: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Venue: The Barnstaple Hotel

Time: 6:30 for 7:00

Price: £28.50 per head

Tables: Tables of 10 are available. Mixed tables will also be available if you do not wish to book a full table

Bookings can now be made by emailing [info@ndma.org.uk](mailto:info@ndma.org.uk) your requirements, an invoice will then be emailed to the person booking for payment to be made.

## FREE ONE DAY COURSES FOR SME'S

After a successful attendance of fully funded short courses held at Brannams Campus Barnstaple the Petroc Shaping Futures project are running the following courses at their Tiverton Campus. The project is aimed at SME's (1-250 employees), with less than £50m turnover, who have received less than £250m in State Aid over the last 3 years.



**Business Finance Taster**

Mid Devon Campus  
Wednesday 26 June 2019  
9.00am - 4.00pm

A one day programme providing participants with an insight into the management techniques organisations utilise to manage finance. Students will focus upon financial statements, budgeting and capital investment appraisal.

Fully funded for SMEs that meet the eligibility criteria.  
For more information contact **01271 852428** or email [projects@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:projects@petroc.ac.uk)



**Level 5 Management & Leadership Awards**

**TIVERTON CAMPUS**  
**One Day Short Courses:**

- Do you work for an SME?
- Are you interested in improving your skills and qualifications?

**L5 Award in Project Management**  
Mon 24 June  
9.00am - 4.00pm

**L5 Award in Leadership Practice**  
Tues 25 June  
9.00am - 4.00pm

\*Eligibility criteria will apply, please email to find out more information

To book, or for enquiries please contact [projects@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:projects@petroc.ac.uk)

## BB XPO – BIDEFORD BUSINESS EXPO

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2019



BBxpo returns to Devon Hall, Bideford College on the 24<sup>th</sup> October following its debut last year. The successful event now offers up to 50 exhibitor stands, open to businesses of every size and sector.

BBxpo aims are to:

- Build new and strengthen existing business relationships across the area
- Create new business opportunities
- Provide Business advice
- Support business growth

Put the date in your diary now to make sure you take part in North Devon's most enterprising event at Devon Hall, Bideford College.

Stand prices are £75 for a small stand and £125 for a large stand. All exhibitor packages include free promotion on the event web site, in the printed and online editions of Business Action magazine, in the official event guide and in social media posts. For full exhibitor details and to book your space, please visit [bbxpo.uk](http://bbxpo.uk)

We are delighted to welcome the Google Digital Garage, who will be presenting two courses at the event (see below).

We are also pleased to host the ultimate free lunch at the North Devon Enterprise Day Free Networking Buffet.

Make sure you guarantee your places by registering at [bbxpo19.eventbrite.co.uk](http://bbxpo19.eventbrite.co.uk)



# TAKING TEACHING FURTHER

**Big benefits for small businesses – engaging micro SME's and start-up businesses in innovative collaboration with Further Education (FE).**

The Taking Teaching Further programme is a national initiative to attract experienced industry professionals, with expert technical knowledge and skills, to work with FE in delivering masterclasses and collaboration.

The objectives are to develop a programme of two-way secondments between industry and FE to embed digital and employability skills across the curriculum.

Financial incentives are available for successful businesses.

“ This provides the opportunity for academics and industry to work in partnership and deliver current skills required for students to enhance employability. ”

Craig Litster - Assistant Principal Academic Studies, Petroc

How you can get involved:

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## April 2019

- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
Park School Apprenticeship Talk
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
Deadline for entries for the NDMA Awards

## May 2019

- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
Employer Apprenticeship Fayre – Petroc 9am – 11am
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
NDMA Technology Awards – Barnstaple Hotel
- **13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
Great Torrington School Work Experience
- **20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
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- **20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
Braunton Academy Work Experience
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
ND ESB Advisory Group Meeting – Saunton Sands Hotel 3pm

## June 2019

- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
L5 Award in Project Management for SME's at Petroc Tiverton 9am-4pm
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
Business Finance Taster for SME's at Petroc Tiverton 9am - 4pm

## July 2019

- **1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
Bideford College Work Experience
- **8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
Pilton Community College Work Experience



## September 2019

- **15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
Park School Work Experience
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
North Devon Business, Leisure and Tourism Awards  
High Bullen Hotel

## October 2019

- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
BBxpo – Bideford College

