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EXPO Delivering Again!

Another outstanding success for the Walsall Works EXPO with Councillor Pardeep Kaur Portfolio Holder for Education and Skills opening the event as 965 job seekers engaged with 70 employers and training providers.

Walsall Works Expo is one of the largest job's fairs in the West Midlands. The event is proudly organised by Walsall Council and helps hundreds of residents to connect with employers, training providers and partner agencies. With over twelve years of experience, Walsall Works has been delivering vital employment connections to the people of Walsall and wider.

There were several new businesses in attendance offering new job openings and training courses including Morgan Sindall, Lidl, One Stop, Walsh Funerals & Memorials, Mission Accomplished, Althaus Digital, Titan Recruitment, Tudor Employment, Ibstock, CECOS and Tag Construction. Also, present were many of the top 10 recruiters in Walsall.



Recent Successes

Sahra attended the Walsall Works EXPO on 12 September 2024 seeking support and looking for a warehouse role. Sahra was introduced to a Walsall Works advisor who after discussing the benefits of the programme, signed her up for support.

Sahra's new Walsall Works advisor walked her over to the TK Maxx stand, who were exhibiting at the EXPO, advertising for warehouse workers. They were informed to create a Staffline account first which the advisor and Sahra did right away. After this was completed, Sahra and her advisor went back to TK Maxx and had a discussion with them, they were then informed that Sahra had secured an interview on 20 September 2024.

To prepare for this, the Walsall Works advisor arranged for Sahra to attend a one-to-one meeting to go over interview preparation. They went through various scenarios and practiced different interview questions and answers. Sahra also received help from one of the employee engagement team, who gave her feedback and insights into what to expect from the TK Maxx interview.

Sahra contacted her advisor to confirm that her interview was successful, she was over the moon with joy advising that she had gotten the job. Sahra said that she had applied various times for a role at TK Maxx and had been unsuccessful, so she was happy that she had finally managed to get over that line.

Sahra attended her induction on 27 September 2024 and begins her new role on 30 September!



Emma was referred to Employment Advisor Jane for support in April. She sent her CV, which needed work and said she was applying for lots of jobs but just getting rejections. At the start of May they completed a new CV and went through applications ensuring that all Emma's customer service communication and other transferrable skills were showcased for the new roles she wanted to go for.

Within a week Emma started to get positive responses to her applications and had an interview for a local superstore. They then went through interview techniques. Although successful at interview, the onboarding process was deemed to be difficult, and Jane went along to store to try and break some of the difficulties down. However, after a week or so, the superstore still was not good with their communication and did not seem in any rush to start Emma, so she decided that she would not pursue the role there as it had left her feeling insecure about starting.

Emma had an interview for Nexus Care, a Dementia Care Home in Burntwood. Emma felt better about this role and was excited about stepping in a completely different direction and completing the training that they had said they would provide. Emma had confirmation that she would be starting this role in July 2024, just two months after gaining support from Walsall Works.

Jane checked in with Emma after she started her job role to make sure everything was OK for her, she said "It's going Brill, the staff are all lovely, thank you for everything you did for me, it meant a lot"

Group Information Sessions

We have been holding lots of great group information sessions to promote the different sectors available to work in within the Walsall borough.

On 10 October, Mission Accomplished promoted their TV & Film fusion course delivered in partnership with BOA Stage and Screen Production Academy. Aimed at those with no previous experience in Film or TV, across all departments. This course is designed to prepare participants to work in both scripted and unscripted TV within the West Midlands.

On 17 October, we held a session with Performance Through People, delivering presentations on their Welding and Teaching Assistant bootcamps available in Walsall and the Black Country. We also welcomed Titan Recruitment, who were promoting their Driving, and Industrial and Skilled & Technical vacancies.

Upcoming Sessions

Thursday 7 November Open Lens Media	<u>Pathways Programme</u> Supporting people into employment, creative industries, education, work experience, and training. Pathways is a creative employability programme that provides tailored 1-2-1 employment and personal development support to young people aged 16-35 across the West Midlands.
Thursday 14 November Realise Training	<u>Early Years Opportunities</u> Realise will discuss their different courses (Early Years Level 2, Early Years Educator Level 3, and Nursery Manager Level 5), the entry requirements, and next steps after completion of a course.
Thursday 21 November Springboard	<u>Hospitality</u> Participants can gain recognised industry qualifications, guaranteed interviews at the end of the programme, personalised career advice, and hands on practical sessions.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these sessions, please contact your Walsall Works advisor, or the Walsall Works team on 01922 654353 or walsallworks@walsall.gov.uk.



Event



BROWNHILLS JOB FAIR

Come along to our jobs fair and talk to employers with vacancies and training providers with vocational and educational courses.

Join us on: Wednesday 20th November 2024, 9:00am – 12.30pm

Where: Brownhills Community Centre, Pelsall Road, WS8 7JE

Free event, no booking is required, just turn up on the day.

For more information, please contact us on:

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Employability Workshops

After the success of our employability workshops in June/July, we're pleased to say they are back for October.

With workshops such as, confidence and motivation, interview techniques, managing your anxiety, public sector applications, self-employment and volunteering.

So far, our Introduction to Computers workshop in partnership with The Thomas Project has been great, this is a more structured programme for clients - they can attend all weeks or choose which weeks they want to attend. These are being held in the ICT Suite at Walsall Library from 1:30pm - 3:30pm every Tuesday.

- 24/09/24 - Week 1 Introduction and Basics
- 01/10/24 - Week 2 Using Various Applications/Word and Excel
- 08/10/24 - Week 3 Using Internet and Browsers
- 15/10/24 - Week 4 Computer File Management
- 22/10/24 - Week 5 Using Online Communication Tools
- 29/10/24 - Week 6 Individual Tuition as Required



One of our client's favourite things about the Introduction to Computers workshops have been going back to basics. In one of the images above, you can see how our clients are playing Solitaire online to understand mouse and keyboard control.

If you are interested in any of these workshops, please get in touch with your adviser for more information!