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Gen2 welcome new apprentices to Carlisle

Cumbrian based training provider, Gen2, has welcomed its 2016 North Cumbria apprentices, with over 300 apprentices starting across the County. This impressive number of apprentices is set to rise to over 425 apprentices starting their apprenticeship with Gen2 by August 2017.

Over 90 apprentices have started their training at the Carlisle Training Centre at Kingmoor, in a range of apprenticeships covering Business, IT and Engineering with employers including Innovia, Pirelli, Futamura, Crown Specialities, Bendalls and Crown Bevcan.

Welcoming the apprentices to the Centre was Operations Managers, Vera Wood. Vera said “We are delighted to welcome our latest intake of apprentices to our Carlisle centre. We have been impressed this year with the quality of local young people who have applied for our engineering, business and administration schemes. These candidates enable us to offer our local employers high quality students to meet their current and future skill needs.”

Amongst those starting with Gen2 are 33 students who are commencing a degree apprenticeship with companies including Morgan Sindall, Jacobs, Balfour Beatty and Sellafield Ltd. The degree apprenticeship takes place over 5 years and after completing rigorous academic and vocational programme they will complete a level 6 apprenticeship which will include an Honours Degree in Engineering.

Mike Smith OBE, Chief Executive Officer said, “This continued demand clearly demonstrates the importance and value that our employers continue to place on high quality apprenticeships.”

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With well over 2,600 applicants across the County, it also shows that young people are looking for alternatives to traditional education routes, including going on to sixth form and university. Increasingly they want to gain the employability skills that companies need as well as learn a profession whilst being paid, which is what an apprenticeship gives. This also shows in the quality of our applicants which has been at an all time high, and allows our employers to take advantage and nurture Cumbria's talented young people."

Gen2's training model is unique in that it only employs apprentices that meet the employers' needs. Gen2's success rates continue to be over 20% above the national average with over 91% of apprentices achieving their apprenticeship.

Anyone wishing to find out more about apprenticeships in Carlisle or throughout the rest of Cumbria can visit www.gen2.ac.uk or call 01900 701300.

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