

National Apprenticeship Award Winners 2014

Individual winners

| Category | Apprentice | Employer | Town |
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| The learndirect Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year | Lois McClure | The Co-operative | Wigan, Greater Manchester |
| The EAL Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year | Anna Schlautmann | MBDA | Wigan, Greater Manchester |
| The Unilever Award for Higher Apprentice of the Year | Hayley James | IBM UK | Midhurst, West Sussex |
| The City & Guilds Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year | Ashley Terron | Redrow Group Services Ltd | Warrington, Cheshire |

Individual Highly Commended

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| The learndirect Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year | Danielle Calvert | MBDA | Royston, Hertfordshire |
| | Evangelene Brookes | The Community Housing Group | Kidderminster, Worcestershire |

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| The EAL Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year | Daniel Swain | Delphi Diesel Systems Ltd | Sudbury, Suffolk |
| | Drew Reidy | BAE Systems | Rochester, Kent |
| The Unilever Award for Higher Apprentice of the Year | Leanne Ingledeew | MBDA | Luton, Bedfordshire |
| | Memonah Mohammad | BT | London |
| The City & Guilds Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year | Kate Mooney | BT | Winsford, Cheshire |
| | Michael Johnson | Gelder Group | Sudbrooke, Lincolnshire |

Employer winners

| Category | Company name | Main location |
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| The DHL Express Award for Small Employer of the Year | Blue Moon Creative Ltd | Pershore, Worcestershire |
| The Nuclear Decommissioning Site Licence Companies Award for Medium Employer of the Year | Griffon Hoverwork Ltd | Southampton, Hampshire |
| The BAE Systems Award for Large Employer of the Year | M B D A UK Ltd | Bolton, Greater Manchester |

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| The BT Award for Macro Employer of the Year | Barratt Developments PLC | Coalville, Leicestershire |
| The Rolls Royce Award for Newcomer Large Employer of the Year | PwC | London |
| The Virgin Trains Award for Newcomer SME of the Year | Ginger Nut Media | Colchester, Essex |

Employer Highly Commended

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| The DHL Express Award for Small Employer of the Year | DeNtal22 | Retford, Nottinghamshire |
| | Arthur Padgett Ltd | Nelson, Lancashire |
| The Nuclear Decommissioning Site Licence Companies Award for Medium Employer of the Year | Optimity Limited | London |
| | livin Housing Ltd | Spennymoor, Durham |
| The BAE Systems Award for Large Employer of the Year | Liebherr GB Ltd | Biggleswade, Bedfordshire |
| | WEC Group Ltd | Darwen, Lancashire |
| The BT Award for Macro Employer of the Year | T N T Express (UK) Ltd | Atherstone, Warwickshire |
| | KFC GB LTD | Woking, Surrey |

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| The Rolls Royce Award for Newcomer Large Employer of the Year | KNOWHOW | Sheffield, South Yorkshire |
| | Weightmans LLP | Liverpool, Merseyside |
| The Virgin Trains Award for Newcomer SME of the Year | Paw-Fect | Ilford, Greater London |
| | Cestria Community Housing Association | Chester Le Street, Durham |

The City & Guilds Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers

Addleshaw Goddard LLP
 AIT Ltd
 Alcoa Power & Propulsion
 Amey Plc
 Arthur Padgett Ltd
 Barclays Bank PLC
 Barclays RBB Technology
 Barlows (UK) Ltd
 Barratt Developments PLC
 Be Wiser Insurance
 Bernicia Housing Group
 Blue Moon Creative Ltd
 Brethertons Solicitors LLP
 British Airways Plc
 British Army
 BT Fleet
 Building Research Establishment
 Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 Castrol UK Ltd
 Cestria Community Housing Association
 Circle Housing
 City of Lincoln Council
 Dale Power Solutions Ltd
 DeNtal22

e2v Technologies (UK) Ltd
East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust
East Midlands Housing Group
EDM Zone Ltd
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Emanuel Whittaker Ltd
FCO Services
Ford Motor Company
Fujitsu
Genix Healthcare Limited
Ginger Nut Media
GKN Aerospace - Filton
Goringe Accountants Ltd
Graham Engineering Ltd
Griffon Hoverwork Ltd
H S B C
Hemingway Bailey Ltd
IBM UK Limited
Impact Ducting Sales Ltd
Impossible Creations Ltd
ITV plc
James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
JEB Engineering Design Ltd
JLES Group Limited
K M F Ltd
KFC GB LTD
KNOWHOW
Liebherr GB Ltd
Ivin Housing Ltd
Living Group
Lloyds Banking Group
M B D A UK Ltd
Mitchells & Butlers Retail Ltd
Mitchells Grievson Limited

Mondelez International
Nestlé UK Ltd
North Yorkshire County Council
Nottingham City Council
Optimity Limited
Optionis
Partwell Cutting Technology Ltd
Paw-Fect
PwC
Queen Street Garage Ltd
Redrow Homes Ltd
Resolve IT Solutions
Resource Productions
River Cottage Limited
Royal Castle Hotel
Santander UK
SCA Hygiene
Smith's Wood Community Primary School
South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group
South West Water
Southern Gas Networks
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
T N T Express (UK) Ltd
TAG Sports & Promotional Clothing Ltd
Tangerine P R & Coaching Ltd
Tata Steels
TechQuarters
The Community Housing Group
The Landscape Group
The Manufacturing Technology Centre
Top to Toe
Topps Tiles PLC
UK A E A
UKFast

UKTV

Virgin Media

Vital Technology Group

WEC Group Ltd

Weightmans LLP

William Davis Ltd

Wincanton

Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Trust

For more information about the National Apprenticeship Awards and Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers, please visit apprenticeships.org.uk.

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About the National Apprenticeship Awards

The National Apprenticeship Service challenged the nation's top Apprenticeship employers and apprentices to come forward and show how Apprenticeships have made a real difference to them. Now in their eleventh year, the National Apprenticeship Awards are an opportunity to highlight the many success stories and the benefits of Apprenticeships.

There are six employer categories ranging from Small to Macro, and two newcomer categories – large and SME. Categories are open to employers of all sectors.

For the fourth year running the very best employer category entries will have the additional bonus of featuring in the prestigious annual Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers list.

There are four apprentice categories, which are: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher apprentice of the year, and the hotly contended Apprenticeship Champion of the Year.

The Skills Funding Agency

The Skills Funding Agency is a partner organisation of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS). Its job is to fund and promote adult further education (FE) and skills training in England, including traineeships and apprenticeships, in a way which supports economic growth. The Agency delivers £4.1 billion of skills training through contracts with over 1,000 colleges, private training organisations and employers, with a highly effective supply chain that means FE meets local need in the most cost-effective way.

Within the Skills Funding Agency, there are two customer-facing services: the National Careers Service, which provides impartial careers information, advice and guidance online, by telephone or face-to-face and the National Apprenticeship Service, which is responsible for increasing the number of traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities.

The National Apprenticeship Service supports, funds and co-ordinates the delivery of apprenticeships and traineeships throughout England and provides a dedicated, responsive service for both employers and learners. This includes simplifying the process of recruiting an apprentice or trainee through apprenticeship vacancies, an online system where employers can advertise their vacancies and potential apprentices or trainees can apply.

Research shows that apprenticeships are an optimal way of training, developing and skilling people for the future, helping businesses to secure a supply of people with the skills and qualities they need and which are often not available on the external job market.

Traineeships were introduced in August 2013 and are available for 16-24 year olds. Traineeships are an education and training programme with work experience focused on giving young people the skills and experience they need to be able to compete for Apprenticeships or other jobs.

At the core of traineeships are work preparation training, English and Maths (for those without GCSE A*-C standard) and a high quality work experience placement. Traineeships are a stepping stone to future success for young people, businesses and the wider economy.

There has never been a better time to employ a trainee or an apprentice, or to start an apprenticeship.

Visit www.apprenticeships.gov.uk or call 08000 150 600 to find out more.