

Calderdale and Kirklees Careers

It is well known that Calderdale & Kirklees Careers delivers high quality and impartial information, advice and guidance services for the people of Calderdale and Kirklees. What is less well known is that these services are for people of any age.

Our services for young people 14-19 are part of the Connexions Service, which offers wrap-around support to young people to help them succeed in all aspects of their lives, including careers, education, employment, training, health, money and housing. We have Personal Advisers linked to every secondary school and college to support students' decision making and career planning and assist them with accessing opportunities.

Personal Advisers also provide support from three public centres, in Dewsbury, Halifax and Huddersfield, dealing with people of all ages who may be unemployed, unsure, looking for a career change or in need of specific help with issues in their lives. Currently, clients include young people who have just received their GCSE and A level results and older people who are feeling the effects of the recession. Each Centre has an extensive library of information and on-line access to websites offering advice, support and access to opportunities, including our own website 'Workabout' (www.workabout.org.uk); you can get advice on CV's, letter writing, filling in application forms and interview techniques, too. So far this year, thousands of people have been given information, advice and guidance and over 1500 young people have been placed into employment and training.

The experienced advisers who staff our 'Learningline' telephone and e-mail service have answered all sorts of enquiries to do with work, education and training. They can be contacted on 0800 5979 979 or via email on learningline@ckcareers.org.uk

2009 has been a particularly hard year for jobs and apprenticeships. The Employment and Training Advisers who run our free vacancy service, 'Recruitline', have noticed a decline in the number of companies who are recruiting. However we have worked hard to maximize the numbers of opportunities available. Despite the downturn in the economy, jobs and training places can still be found; so far this year, 'Recruitline' has dealt with over 650 employment opportunities. For more information on employing young people or placing a vacancy for a job or an apprenticeship call 01484 226750 or email recruitline@ckcareers.org.uk.

Over 8000 work experience placements are organised for Calderdale and Kirklees students each year and we are always on the lookout for more companies to participate in the programme. For more information about work experience, telephone 01484 227655 or email work.experience@ckcareers.org.uk

Calderdale & Kirklees Careers4Adults service has had a busy time dealing with the increased demand caused by the economic situation. As well as visiting companies to give advice to redundant workers and running Career Boost Workshops to help people in Kirklees cope with career changes, advisers have delivered thousands of individual information, advice and guidance sessions.

Some of our Advisers will be at the Real Help Now Events in Huddersfield and Dewsbury to offer information, advice and guidance to visitors, so come along and meet us.