

LMI Bulletin

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National Apprenticeship Week

National apprenticeship week runs from 7th to 13th February. To help plan and promote activities guidance and images are available at:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/naw-2022-toolkit>

For new resources to support NAW 2022 including activities, posters, films, a quiz and more visit:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/brand-new-resources-from-amazing-apprenticeships-for-national-apprenticeship-week-2022/>

Lidl expansion plans

Lidl have announced their plan to create 4,000 new jobs over the next three years. There is also an expectation that they will have reached a target of 1,000 stores by 2023 and a further 100 by 2025.

Nursing vacancies on the rise

The Nursing Times reports on an increase of 2,600 vacancies, up 7%, for nurses over the last year. There were almost 40,000 vacancies according to the latest figures published in November. London has the most vacancies with 9,445 vacancies, up 2% on the same period last year (November).

Skills for every young person

The House of Lords Youth Unemployment Committee has published its [Skills for Every Young Person Report](#) to urge the Government to provide more support for young people to help them get into work. A brief summary of the report highlights the main factors that lead to the unemployment of 475,000 young people aged 16-24 in the UK, as well as the inequalities that those from disadvantaged and minority ethnic groups face.

The report identifies a number of key drivers for the high unemployment rates among young people:

- Skills mismatch – schools and further education fail to equip young people with the skills required to enter employment, especially for sectors such as green energy and digital.
- Lack of appropriate careers guidance and work experience
- Underfunded and undervalued further education
- Lack of apprenticeship opportunities
- Additional barriers and lack of support – (e.g. related to language barriers, gender, ethnicity, special education needs, lower socio-economic backgrounds)

The full report is available here: [Skills for every young person \(parliament.uk\)](#)



Government announces nine new Institutes of Technology

The government have announced that there will be nine new Institutes of Technology, and a huge investment in skills and technical training to support people into higher skilled, higher wage jobs. From September 2022 100 courses will be available in areas where there are skills shortages such as Digital, Net Zero, Education, STEM and Healthcare at over 20 universities and colleges in addition to the nine Institutes of Technology announced in December 2021.

Apprenticeships - Higher and Degree listings

The brand-new Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Vacancy Listing is now available to download.

BAE announces they are to hire 1,700 new employees

BAE Systems have announced their intention to take on 1,700 new employees across the country this year. This will include apprenticeship, graduate and undergraduate roles. Some apprenticeships in the Engineering and Business sectors are available up to degree level.

ONS Labour Market Statistics

ONS have published the latest Labour Market overview (January 2022):

- In December 2021 there were 29.5 million employees in the UK: up 184,000 on the revised November 2021 level and up 409,000 on the pre-coronavirus (COVID-19) February 2020 level.
- The UK employment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points on the quarter to 75.5%. The number of part-time workers decreased strongly during the pandemic, but has been increasing since April to June 2021, driving the increase in employment during the latest three-month period.
- The number of job vacancies in October to December 2021 rose to a new record of 1,247,000, an increase of 462,000 from its pre-coronavirus January to March 2020 level, with most industries displaying record numbers of vacancies.



Useful websites

- Top jobs for under 18's: <https://www.e4s.co.uk/jobs/1-top-jobs-under-18s.htm>
- Property
A website Property Needs You has launched to encourage young people planning their careers to consider the property industry and help them secure their first jobs: <https://thenegotiator.co.uk/property-firms-launch-website-to-broaden-range-of-applicants-to-industry/>
- Push
Push is a not-for-profit organisation that supports school-leavers and students, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds to make well-informed decisions about their futures and to have the skills and resources to make their choices a reality. <https://www.push.co.uk/schools-370740.html>

Dates for your diary

- 25th March 2022 – Stratford Jobs Fair – Old Town Hall – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-stratford-jobs-fair-tickets-178570929457>
- 22nd April 2022 – London Jobs Fair – Twickenham Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/network/jobseeker/event-guides/job-fairs-in-london-twickenham>
- 22nd May 2022 – Croydon Jobs Fair – Selhurst Park Stadium – 10.00 am – 1.00 pm - <https://www.thejobfairs.co.uk/network/jobseeker/event-guides/job-fairs-in-london-croydon>



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