

# Connecting People



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## Need an extra pair of hands at no financial cost to your business?

### Work Experience – Get Britain Working

Can you offer an unemployed 18 – 24 year old Work Experience, between 2 and 8 weeks and for 25 to 30 hours a week?

Work Experience can:

- Give them an insight into the world of work.
- Give them a reference for future job applications.
- Support your business and the local community.

For more information e-mail  
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## Have you considered apprenticeships?

Even in difficult times like these, Apprenticeships are a vital way of improving the skills of staff and generating a committed and valuable workforce. When times are tough, competition for contracts is even tougher. That's when a well-trained, extra pair of hands could make a real difference to your chances of success.

Apprenticeships refer to on-the-job training leading to nationally recognised qualifications, developed by industry.

The National Apprenticeship Service supports, funds and co-ordinates the delivery of Apprenticeships throughout England.

For more information call 01323 413101 or visit  
[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

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## Free Environmental Workshops for Businesses in East Sussex

Small and medium sized businesses across East Sussex are invited to attend an upcoming Steps to Environmental Management (STEM) workshop.

East Sussex County Council and Kent County Council's South East Business Carbon Hub have teamed up to produce this half-day introductory workshop. It takes businesses step-by-step through the first level of the STEM certification scheme.

After the workshop attendees will have documentation to take home, receive a certificate and will be registered on the STEM Registry.



## The workshop will cover:

Management commitment.  
Baseline assessment of business.  
Significant environmental impacts.  
Draft Environmental Policy.  
Data collection.

## Upcoming dates and locations:

Tuesday 25 October, Lewes  
Wednesday 9 November, Lewes

Businesses must be a member of the South East Business Carbon Hub to attend - its free to join

For more information on these workshops or to reserve your place, please contact 01622 6969 50 or email [carbon.hub@kent.gov.co.uk](mailto:carbon.hub@kent.gov.co.uk)

## Nat West launch a new product aimed at start up and small businesses

Designed for start-ups and growing businesses, Smarta Business Builder is an affordable and easy to use package that gives you everything you need to help run your business. You can manage your finances, create your website and email, draft a legal document or write a business plan. Because it's all online you can access it from anywhere with an internet connection.

For more information click the link below [www.natwest.com/business/starting-a-business/smarta.ashx](http://www.natwest.com/business/starting-a-business/smarta.ashx)

## Small Grants Scheme - (Sussex Businesses only)

Active Solutions manages the Active & Healthy Workplace Initiative on behalf of Active Sussex.

This year Active Sussex has teamed up with Brighton & Hove's Healthy City Partnership to offer companies and organisations in Sussex the chance to bid for up to £500 to activate their staff.

For more information click the link below [www.active-solutions.co.uk/News.php](http://www.active-solutions.co.uk/News.php)

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