

MILLTECH MOVES TO NEW PREMISES



Milltech moved to newly refurbished premises in Victoria House, Toward Road, Sunderland opposite the Winter Gardens. The new offices cover two floors with the basement floor incorporating four spaciouly equipped training rooms and a learner common room and the management and training officers take up the ground floor.

One of Milltech's employer partners, Newton Lee Insurance is housed on the upper two floors. Milltech were pleased to be able to move to such prestigious premises just 400 yards away from the Frederick Street site.

SUCCESS RATES

Milltech has achieved its highest ever success rate for the year ending July 2011*. The predicted overall success rates for Level 2 are 81% and for Level 3 learners 94%. Particularly pleasing were the high success rates in Business Administration where there is a 96% achievement for Level 2 and 94% for Level 3.

Managing Director Derek Freeman says "This has been a particularly successful period for Milltech and these results have been achieved with a very determined effort from our learners and great support from our employer partners. I am particularly pleased with the efforts of our staff at Milltech. All this has also been achieved against a very difficult economic back-ground and where other training providers are scaling back their presence in Sunderland".

*This measures the numbers of successful learners compared to the number of learners who originally commenced each programme.

APPRENTICESHIPS



We have had a great response to advertisements for our apprenticeship programmes, resulting in record numbers of new starters across all our learning areas of motor vehicle, customer service and business administration.

Over the recruiting season Milltech have engaged with over thirty new employers who have been encouraged to take on the apprenticeship route to expand their businesses, in addition to providing further new learners to many of our existing employers.

There is no longer an upper age limit for an apprentice; however, the age of the apprentice and the levels at which they have previously studied (and intend to study) will determine the amount of funding that is available. All 16 – 18 apprenticeships continue to be fully funded.

Milltech still have many enthusiastic potential learners available, so if you are looking to recruit staff or would like to give your existing staff the opportunity to undertake an apprenticeship or other qualifications – we can help! The delivery of the apprenticeship programme is very flexible and in some cases most of it takes place in the learner's workplace.

For more information about taking on an apprentice contact Mark Askew, Placement Manager on 0191 501 1414 or email him at info@milltech-ltd.co.uk.

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EMPLOYER FORUM

Milltech had its first employer forum recently and representatives from many employers were hosted at the new premises.

Employers were asked their thoughts on the Milltech training programmes and how they could be made even more convenient and effective for employers and learners. They also had a tour of the new premises.

In order to achieve greater efficiency to provide further employer/learner support Milltech will be taking on an improved electronic portfolio system which will enable learners to provide evidence, for training officers to provide support information for supervisors all electronically.



STAFF TRAINING IN HEALTH AND SAFETY AND EMERGENCY FIRST AID

Milltech are offering training in the above areas.

Emergency First Aid Course
7th September 9.30 – 4.00

Health and Safety Course
14th September 9.30 – 4.00

The Health and Safety Course is at Level 2.

Cost is £85 per course for a Milltech Associated Company and will include lunch and refreshments.

Telephone Beth on 0191 510 0414, or email info@milltech-ltd.co.uk or go to our website www.milltechtraining.co.uk for details on how to book a place on the course.

MILLTECH HAS RETAINED ITS INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Milltech has received congratulations from idg (the local Investors in People Centre) on the achievement of the IiP Bronze standard. The company has held Investors in People accreditation since 1997 and achieved re-accreditation in June 2008. Bronze organizations are advanced Investors in People, using the framework to meet



their goals and progressing well beyond the Standard. Re-accreditation was confirmed by David Lane of idg on 14th June.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following learners have achieved a Level 3 advanced apprenticeship in 2011:

Automotive Skills:	Anthony Nelson, James Allison, Adam Parkin.
Customer Service:	Chelsea Mills, Danielle Widowson, Lynn Craig.
Management:	Kimberley Petty, Andrew Graham, Melanie Ayre.
Business Admin:	Amy Scott, Ruth Pope, Jill Lumley, Stephanie Marshall, Haley Stephenson, Helen Bracey, Meghan Turnbull, Natalie Dinsdale, Natasha Johnson, Rachel Moore, Emma Fisher, Emma Nellist, Jemma Lewins.

Here are a few things our Learners have to say about us:

“I would recommend an apprenticeship to someone else as it is a great way to gain a qualification whilst in a real working environment and you learn so many things”.

“I have recommended Milltech to friends and will continue to do so because basically I left school with nothing and now I have achieved qualifications I am proud of. I have a job I love and can see a future career for me in this area”.

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