

Youngsters can 'Kickstart' their trams jobs path

Unemployed young people in the West Midlands are being offered the chance to take the first steps towards a career on the growing tram network.

Midland Metro Limited, the operator of West Midlands Metro, is backing the government's Kickstart scheme for 16 to 24-year-olds on Universal Credit.

West Midlands Metro currently has vacancies for maintenance technical assistants, administrators, a customer experience officer and a driver customer representative as part of this scheme which can provide a pathway to a permanent position.

Claire Scrimshire, Metro's head of HR, explained: "The network is gearing up for the opening of extensions to Wolverhampton Railway Station and Edgbaston later this year as part of a wider expansion project, presenting a wealth of employment opportunities for local people.

"As part of our wider recruitment campaign we've teamed up with Jobcentre Plus offices in Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Dudley and Walsall to offer six-month placements to nine young people looking to kickstart their career."

The vacancies are open to anyone aged 16-24 that meets the Universal Credit criteria.

To apply and for more information applicants should log into their Universal Credit account, where they can send a message to their work coach via the Your Journal section of their account.

The closing date for applications is Friday, April 23.

Week to focus on caring careers



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Black Country Skills Factory, supported by Ladder for the Black Country, is once again hosting its popular virtual World of Work week with the focus this time on the health and social care sector.

A schedule of individual sessions will be recorded daily from Monday, April 26 to Friday, April 30.

With help from partners and industry experts the week is designed to inspire people to work in this sector.

Future

It will help students who are deciding what their future career might be, provide those looking for employment with valuable information and help people interested in the sector learn from the experts.

The introduction to health and social care session will be a live event on the Learnlive channel on the Monday at 1.30pm which can be watched live or on demand at a later time to suit the schools



The week will help young people to find out about careers in health and social care

and colleges. Throughout the week a variety of career paths will be explored within health and social care, including both clinical and non-clinical roles as well as support roles that help the sector run smoothly.

From a dentist to a dental technician, carer to a nursery nurse the sessions will explore a variety of job roles across the sector.

A challenging stereotypes session will explore different roles within the Wolver-

hampton NHS Trust. Organisations taking part in the week will include the CEC, National Apprenticeship Service, Skills for Care, Health Futures, Halesowen College, Sandwell MBC and NHS Health Education England.

There will also be a virtual tour of Berrington nursery.

To view details of the sessions and register online to receive the recordings visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk> and search for 'Black Country World of Work Week'.

WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE LADDER?

What are we asking employers?

Quite simply, we want businesses across the Black Country – big and small – to take on one or more apprentice. The Ladder can offer impartial advice.

Why are we doing this?

Youth unemployment has doubled since the beginning of 2020 and the number of apprenticeships on offer is almost 50 per cent lower than this time last year, so we are eager to encourage businesses.

What are the benefits for firms?

- Skilled and motivated workforce
- Fresh innovative ideas
- Increased productivity
- Bridging the skills gap
- Contribute to the growth of the local economy

What are the incentives for taking on an apprentice?

The Government has introduced incentive payments of £3,000 to employers for each new apprentice they hire.

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& Cruising Lake Windermere

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Vibrant, timeless and fun, Blackpool has remained one of the UK's favourite seaside destinations thanks to its iconic tower, sandy beaches and old-fashioned trams. From here we explore the Lake District with its natural beauty and stunning scenery.

Your break includes

- ✓ Return coach travel from **Wolverhampton, Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster & Stourport**
 - ✓ 4 nights at the Chequers Plaza Hotel, Blackpool with dinner & breakfast
 - ✓ Cruise on Lake Windermere
 - ✓ Heritage train journey on the East Lancashire Railway
 - ✓ Excursions to Kendal, Bowness-on-Windermere & Bury Market
- Optional excursion to Southport & Lytham St Annes (£12pp)

5 Days by Coach only £259

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Live in Liverpool

Departing Sun 26 Sep '21

Calling all Rod Stewart fans! Treat yourself to an evening of fantastic entertainment featuring the most authentic Rod Stewart tribute act in the UK. Let the good times roll with a fabulous 2 for 1 bar offer at our hotel and enjoy time at leisure in Liverpool.

Your break includes

- ✓ Return coach travel from **Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall, Halesowen, Cannock, Kidderminster & Stafford**
- ✓ Overnight stay at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool with dinner & breakfast (all meals buffet style)
- ✓ 2 for 1 bar (6pm-9pm) on selected drinks
- ✓ Rod Stewart tribute act plus a live DJ at the hotel
- ✓ Free time in Liverpool

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Your break includes

- ✓ Return coach travel and ferry crossings from **Walsall, Cannock & Stafford**
 - ✓ 4 nights at the Burlington Hotel, Sandown with dinner & breakfast
 - ✓ Entertainment some evenings
 - ✓ Heritage train journey on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway
 - ✓ Excursions to Osborne House, Cowes & Ryde
- Optional Island Highlights Tour (£12pp)

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