

Ladder backing casting careers



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The Ladder for the Black Country is getting behind the casting and foundry industry to encourage more young people to think about starting an apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships in the industry are ideal for those who like making things and solving practical problems.

Castings are made by pouring molten metal into mould – they range from parts for cars, planes and trains to the window locks in your home, from the pumps and valves used in the water industry, to medical implants.

Young people could be involved in designing the mould using a CAD package or using simulation software on a high spec computer to check that the casting will be fit for purpose.

They might be buying the materials used in the casting process or working in the laboratory checking that the casting meets the customer's specifications and even be involved in making the complex moulds that the metal will be poured into, or operating the melting furnace and pouring the metal into the moulds,



Apprentices can learn how to cast metal at the National Foundry Training Centre

wearing all the high-tech safety gear necessary to protect them from molten metal splashes – metal that can be over 1,000 degrees Celsius.

If this sounds like it might be of interest to you then why not consider casting a career in the foundry sector.

Apprentices are currently needed to start with local firms with all the necessary training being offered to support them in a new career.

To find out more about this exciting and

global industry then take a look at www.castingthefuture.net

Contact Iain Cole, senior employer engagement manager – engineering at Dudley College of Technology to find out all about getting started with an apprenticeship in casting in the Black Country.

You can call him on 01384 363016 or 07841 919528 or email: Iain.Cole@dudleycol.ac.uk

Top find out more about the apprenticeships visit dudleycol.ac.uk

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.

Growing firm is creating more apprenticeships

Mechanical and electrical services contractors Dodd Group is creating two new apprenticeships in Wolverhampton.

The need for business administration and electrical apprentices comes as a result of growth for the firm's small works department.

Dodd Group was formed in 1947 in Shropshire and has remained a privately owned family business ever since. It offers a comprehensive electrical and mechanical design, installation and maintenance service across many sectors. The company has recently secured a £10.6 million project at a residential scheme in Perry Bar, Birmingham, as part of the regeneration programme stimulated by the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Mary-Anne Clayton, group human resources manager, said: "We are looking to recruit a business administration apprentice to join our very busy and friendly small projects team, learning a wide range of administrative and IT skills and working closely with the engineers, administration and contract support team members. We are also looking for an electrical apprentice to learning all aspects of the electrical trade, covering emergency lighting, testing and commissioning, how to read and work from drawings and technical specifications, learning about switchgear and distribution equipment and small power installation and once completed the apprentice will be a fully qualified electrician."

Anyone interested in these roles should contact Hr@doddgroup.com for more details or to submit a CV.

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PETER KAY TRIBUTE

Live in Liverpool

Departing Sun 25 Jul '21

Don't miss an evening with the UK's number one Peter Kay tribute act at the iconic Adelphi Hotel! With a live DJ and a 2 for 1 bar also included, this fantastic evening of entertainment will be one to remember! We also have time to enjoy Liverpool at leisure.

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
- ✓ Peter Kay tribute act plus a live DJ at the hotel
- ✓ Free time in Liverpool

2 Days by Coach only £89

Single Supplement £35



'WAR OF THE ROSES'

Counties Exploration

Departing Mon 6 Sep '21

The Wars of the Roses was one of the most iconic periods in history. On our fascinating break we visit historic York and the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds and enjoy a journey on the heritage East Lancashire Railway.

Your break includes

- ✓ Return coach travel from Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall, Halesowen, Cannock, Kidderminster & Stafford
- ✓ 4 nights at the Wool Merchant Hotel, Halifax with dinner & breakfast
- ✓ Heritage train journey on the East Lancashire Railway
- ✓ Guided Valleys, Fells and Spells tour
- ✓ Excursions to The Piece Hall, Royal Armouries Museum, Oswaldtwistle Mills, York & Harrogate

5 Days by Coach only £299

Single Supplement £120



ISLE OF WIGHT

Weekend

Departing Fri 8 Oct '21

There is nothing quite like a breath of fresh seaside air, and with nearly 60 miles of unspoilt coastline, the Isle of Wight is the perfect location to rejuvenate and relax. This getaway offers a peaceful atmosphere and plenty of stunning scenery.

Your break includes

- ✓ Return coach travel and ferry crossings from Kidderminster & Bewdley
- ✓ 3 nights at the Burlington Hotel, Sandown with dinner & breakfast
- ✓ Entertainment some evenings
- ✓ Excursion to Newport

Optional Island Highlights tour (£13pp)

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Single Supplement £45

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