

GTA England news

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GTA England announces its first premium partner



TOTAL TOOLING = QUALITY x SERVICE²

WNT (UK) offers a unique sales and service approach providing its customers with a complete cutting tools programme from a single source: on-site technical support, professional service, and rapid logistics. Its' own group manufacturing facilities ensure high quality standards and maximum delivery capability. WNT has developed into a sales organization for cutting tools in 16 major global markets.

In its commitment to the manufacturing industry, WNT recognises the contribution that a sustained partnership with GTA England and its members can offer to the sector, its employers and technicians of the future. Therefore, we are delighted to announce GTA England first premium partnership agreement.

Tony Pennington, MD WNT (UK) says,
"WNT (UK) is a premier organisation growing to become the fifth biggest supplier of cutting tools in 15 years in the UK. We are delighted to be partnering GTA England and its members that stand for the same virtues of quality and service. I'm equally delighted that this gives

us an opportunity to sponsor the first ever GTA England Apprentice of the year awards"

The benefits of the arrangement for GTA England members includes:

- **Advice and support from WNT technical and business specialists to all GTA's**
- **Access to a reduced rate of 50% of WNT (UK) catalogue prices**
- **Provision of a training day for Apprentices giving an appreciation of latest cutting tool technology**
- **WNT (UK) has approximately 5000 customers the majority of which are SME. This agreement seeks to ensure referrals from the 23 strong sales force of WNT (UK) customers that have a requirement to recruit Apprentices**

In signing the agreement *Mark Maudsley, CEO GTA England* comments, "We have been identifying potential partners that will achieve a genuine win: win scenario for members, GTA England and sponsors. This is an exciting development that will build over the years – we hope to be announcing some additional special features at the annual conference in October 2014 for Apprentices and member GTAs"



Business opportunity for GTA England members

Through a partnership with Energy and Utility Skills and the EU Skills SME Workplace Support Programme, GTA England members are being given an opportunity to grow Apprenticeship numbers in trades including: Heating engineers, Gas fitters, Plumbers, Electro-mechanical and Artisan trades (bricklayers, carpenters, joiners, plasterers). The total revenue of the scheme is being forecast to be in excess of £90m, with a progressive increase from approx. £2m in year one to over £90m per annum by 2020.

A large, lead employer, wishes to place an apprentice into every SME business trade customer by 2020. The current trade database

is over 100,000 businesses UK wide. It is anticipated that the programme will actually achieve 6% to 10% of this figure (namely 6000-10000 apprentices), based on forecasting, by 2020.

The geographical spread will be nationwide and apprentices are anticipated to be relatively evenly spread, but with slightly higher concentrations in the North West, Midlands, North East and Eastern regions.

A pilot for 10 heating engineers / plumbers in the North West/ Eastern regions is anticipated to start in November. EU Skills would like to use a GTA England member(s), who is willing to become quality assured, to run the pilot and become integral to the development of this programme.

Nathan Baker, Strategy & Development Director says, "We believe when facilitated through GTA England, GTAs are

excellent partners, to provide a number of options for the provision of solutions for training and funding for SME businesses. As such a partnering approach between EU Skills, GTA England and employers is a strong message which demonstrates collaboration and delivery of skills to the SME market."

Mark Maudsley, GTA England commented, "We are delighted to strike a partnership with EU Skills that benefits SME companies and ensures the business growth of member GTAs. This is the first of a number of business development initiatives for members that will roll-out over the next 6 months."

Expressions of interest deadline for submission to GTA England is 19th September 2014.

Gatsby Network Development Project

GTA England is delighted to announce that we have been successful in securing funding from the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, an organisation who like GTA England, are committed to supporting the STEM agenda and increasing the number of skilled engineering technicians within the UK. The Foundation's Trustees have agreed to fund a GTA England network development project, aimed at delivering the following outcomes:

- An increase of 400 new employers actively engaged with GTAs by January 2016
- An increase of 400 new Apprentice starts in STEM related subjects within member GTAs by January 2016
- To have established GTA STEM provision in any identified geographic areas in England where such provision is not currently available by January 2016
- To have increased GTA England membership by a minimum of 5 new members by September 2015

The project will last 18 months, and the first phase of this exciting project will be to conduct a robust baseline exercise to establish current GTA coverage by region and sector, and to establish baseline data regarding current levels of employer engagement and STEM apprentice starts. This phase must be completed within 3 months of the project start date. GTA England are in the process of engaging support to deliver the project, and members will be sent further details of the project in the next couple of weeks.

Perkins Review

GTA England have been asked to join a leading group following the Perkins Review.

Established as a response to the Perkins Review of Engineering Skills, the Cutting Edge Skills in FE Task and Finish Group is a high level strategic group that brings together employers, employer-led organisations and other key stakeholders to implement recommendations 15 and 16 from the Perkins Review of Engineering Skills

The Perkins Review of Engineering Skills has identified specific areas where the engineering community should work together to improve the quality and quantity of our supply of engineers. To this end the engineering community have agreed to facilitate task and finish groups to identify and facilitate actions that will have impact in each of the areas set out through the Education for Engineering (E4E) coalition of professional engineering organisation: experiencing industry in Schools, cutting edge skills in FE, employer engagement in HE and specialist skills.



Conference update: Houses of Parliament 14th October 2014

Plans are in an advance stage for the conference. We are delighted to confirm the inputs of Nick Boles, Minister for Further Education and Skills

OUTSTANDING

One of the founding members of GTA England, South West Durham Training, is celebrating the first 'outstanding' Ofsted inspection in the network following a year of dedicated improvements.

We recently also celebrated yet another very strong grade 2 inspection outcome with the Merseyside Maritime Group.

On a consistent basis, Members of GTA England have posted results well in excess of the national averages. With no grade 4 outcomes in the network, and 90% of all outcomes being "good" at grade 2 compared with 51% for all Providers. Also, only 5% of outcomes have been recorded at grade 3 "requires Improvement" compared with 38% for all Providers.

However, an outstanding judgement across all outcomes that include overall effectiveness, outcomes for learners, quality of teaching, learning and assessment and effectiveness of leadership and management, has eluded the network so far in the current regime of the common inspection framework.

The Ofsted inspectors were so impressed with the centre's practice in the use of data and the teaching of English and Maths that these are to be recognised as two areas of best practice for providers across the country to learn from. GTA members need not worry about missing out on these nuggets from SWDT as plans are being made to hold master classes for members in these areas.

Trevor Alley, Chief Executive of SWDT and part time Ofsted inspector, said: "Having spent the past 10 years as an Ofsted inspector, I knew only too well what was required to improve the training environment at SWDT – I'm thrilled that the inspectors recognised the hard work and commitment shown by not only our staff but also the learners. I would also like to make mention of the Peer Review activity provided by GTA England which helped immensely in our journey in making improvements"

and Lord Digby Jones in addition to colleagues from OFSTED; BIS and more!

By now GTA England members ought to have submitted their applications for the Apprentice of the Year awards and booking forms to secure attendance.

Watch out for the Conference special edition of the Newsletter.

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Trainer/Assessor - Apprenticeship Frameworks Fabrication and Welding

Derwent Training Association (DTA), is a small, not for profit Training Provider, specialising in Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships in Engineering and Manufacturing.

Due to an increased number of Apprentices we are looking to recruit an additional Trainer/Assessor. Preferred experience and qualifications for this role:

- Industrial experience of preferably over 10 years
- Appropriate teaching qualifications – PGCE, CertEd, PTTLs (see note below)
- Assessing and Internal Verifier qualifications – A1, V1, D Units (see note below)
- Safeguarding requirements and knowledge - CRB/DBS certificates
- Able to immediately commence training, teaching and assessing of QPEO and Level 3 Diploma Units in Fabrication and Welding
- DTA are exclusively an EAL Awarding Body Approved Centre.
- Any additional qualifications or experience would be an advantage

Note: for the right candidate with industrial experience DTA are more than willing to assist in gaining the required teaching and assessing qualifications and have a good track record of supporting this with existing staff.

For more details or to apply please Email with an up to date CV to: Bob.Watmore@derwenttraining.co.uk

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Celebrating 25 Years of Training Excellence

Linsey sent to Jail?!

Our very own Linsey Temple, CEO of GET and GTA England Board Director, is seeking your support.



Linsey has agreed to take part in Gloucestershire's very own 'Strictly come Dancing' in an attempt to help the National Star College raise **£50,000.00**. It's a big challenge but there are 15 dance couples taking part so hopefully between us, we will hit our target –

WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!!

Linsey says, "We will be donning lycra, sequins and Jazz shoes and dancing in front of a sell out audience of 650 people at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham on Saturday 20th September.

As a late starter to this competition I am not only behind on my routine but also behind with my fund raising so I would really appreciate a donation." Donations can be made via our online donation page using the link below:

<https://strictlystar.everydayhero.com/uk/linseytemple>

Linsey and her dance partner (Adrian Etheridge) are dancing jive to the Jail House Rock and would be so grateful of a donation of any size, even if you can only spare a couple of pound, it all adds up.

Thanking you in advance.



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