

Skills Board Briefing Notes

BRIEFING NOTES

Skills Jersey

Skills Board - Meeting

16th March 2011

Education, Sport and Culture

Headlines

HE Fair – March 10th 66 institutions exhibited at the fair.

Advance to Work successes

Recent publicity adds 40 additional placements added to Advance to Work opportunities

New Advance Plus courses launched

Introduction to Finance and Accounts Administration
Advance to Retail & Hospitality

New Course for Job seekers

Graduate Finance – In conjunction with Jersey Finance

Details

HE Fair – March 10th Over 66 Universities and institute of higher education institutions visited Jersey to mount exhibitions at the Annual Higher Education fair held at the Radisson Hotel on March 10th. As well as exhibitions there were also seminars and presentations by experts in particular specialist fields of study to assist students in making the right choice and presenting their applications well. It was particularly noticeable this year, that students were presented with alternative options to the increasingly expensive route of attending UK universities full time. Options included home study via the Open University, Study in New Zealand and Australia, study in other EU universities where tuition is given in the English Language, or remaining in Jersey to follow a growing number of degree options via the University Centre or other local institutions.

Advance to Work (ATW)

Currently there are: **145** sixteen to nineteen years olds active on the ATW Scheme. Since its launch in September 2009 over 140 participants have gained full time paid employment. The scheme was established by Skills Jersey using Fiscal

Stimulus Funding to provide continued training and work experience for local young people who cannot find employment.

The scheme relies on the goodwill of local employers to offer work-experience placements within their organisations. A recent recruitment drive added another 40 employers to the list of participating companies but more are needed. If any employer can offer support they should contact Shelley Norman on 449370.

New Advance Plus courses launched - This scheme was established to offer support to job seekers over the age of 20 looking for work in specific areas of employment where research indicates there are vacancies.

- Current Advance to Administration scheme is running successfully with all 12 delegates benefiting from training and work experience. 6 individuals have already been offered paid employment for when the scheme ends.
- Advance to Finance and Accounts Administration: 10 delegates starting 11th April
- Advance to Retail & Hospitality: 14 delegates starting 18th April
- Advance to Construction will be launched in June

New Course for Graduate Job seekers – graduates seeking entry to the finance industry are to be offered the opportunity to attend a programme acting as an introduction to the world of the local finance industry. This is being organised by the Skills Jersey in conjunction with Jersey Finance and will involve a combination of training, work placement and mentor support. It will be open to people graduating this summer who have not yet secured employment, as well as graduates from previous years who are currently job seeking. For further information please contact Rebecca Cook at Advance Plus on 449461.