

# Regional Apprenticeship Awards 2007

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## Excellence Celebrated at the LSC East Midlands' second Regional Apprenticeship Awards

Young people and employers from across the East Midlands celebrated at the Regional Apprenticeship Awards at the Walkers Stadium, Leicester on 27th March 2007.

The glamorous 'Oscars-style' awards ceremony recognised the achievements of dynamic and enthusiastic young people and businesses throughout the East Midlands, committed to excellence in work based learning.

Keynote speaker, Karen Woodward, Regional Director of Skills LSC East Midlands got the awards underway by focusing the spotlight on the apprentices and celebrating their personal achievement in reaching the finals.

*"Vocational learning opens up a new world of opportunity for young people..."*

Karen enthused to the audience of 500: "Vocational learning opens up a new world of opportunity for young people, and the benefits employers enjoy as a result of developing the skills sets of people working within their business".

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Awards were presented to county winners in each of the categories, with a further award presented to the East Midlands' 'champion of champions'. Winners received coveted awards from the sponsor of each category.

Karen said: "Encouraging work based learning and giving it parity alongside more traditional learning paths means informing young people at an early age that it is a viable route to success. That's why we also celebrated the achievements of pre-school leavers in the 'Young Apprentice of the Year' category."



# Winners



*Derbyshire Winners*



*Leicestershire Winners*



*Lincolnshire &*

## Young Apprentice of the Year Award Sponsored by Aimhigher East Midlands

### East Midlands' Champion

George Matthews, aged 15, from Stamford, Lincolnshire. Motor Industry Young Apprenticeship. Learning provider Itec Automotive Study Centre in Grantham. Work placement at Cooks of Stamford.

## Apprentice of the Year Award Sponsored by Training Services 2000 Ltd

### East Midlands' Champion

Matthew Young, aged 17, from Northampton. Hairdressing Apprenticeship. Learning provider Aston Recruitment & Training Ltd in Northampton. Employer Impressions Hairdressing Salon.

### County Champions

**Derbyshire:** Lucy Buxton, aged 19, from Alvaston, Derbyshire. Business & Administration Apprenticeship. Learning provider Training Services 2000 Ltd in Derby. Employer Secure Alarm Company Ltd.

**Lincolnshire & Rutland:** Ben Wise, aged 19, from Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Plumbing Apprenticeship. Learning provider Grantham College. Employer Valley Plumbing.

**Leicestershire:** Emily Pearce, aged 19, from Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire. Business & Administration Apprenticeship. Learning provider Stephenson College in Coalville. Employer James Hampden Insurance Brokers Ltd.

**Nottinghamshire:** Mark Parish, aged 19, from Syston, Leicestershire. Cabinet Making Apprenticeship. Learning provider New College Nottingham. Employer Wreake Valley Craftsmen.

## Advanced Apprenticeship Award Sponsored by LANTERN, Leicestershire Training Providers Ltd

### Joint East Midlands' Champion

James Cullingworth, aged 19, from Woodborough, Nottingham. Sporting Excellence Advanced Apprenticeship. Employer and learning provider Nottingham Forest Football Club.

### Joint East Midlands' Champion

Claire Cornett, aged 22, from Greatham, Rutland. Health & Social Care Advanced Apprenticeship. Learning provider HBS Options in Lincoln. Employer Oak House Residential Home.

### County Champion

**Derbyshire:** Daniel Davis, aged 21, from Top Valley, Nottingham. Technical Services Advanced Apprenticeship. Employer and learning provider Rolls-Royce plc.

**Joint Leicestershire County Winner:** Louis Barston, aged 19, from Groby, Leicester. Business Administration Advanced Apprenticeship. Learning provider VT Training in Southport. Employer Moore & York Lettings.

**Joint Leicestershire County Winner:** Philip Riley, aged 20, from Burton-on-the-Wolds, Leicestershire. Hand Crafted Furniture Advanced Apprenticeship. Learning provider Leicester College. Employer deVOL Kitchens.

**Northamptonshire:** Kelly Panks, aged 21, from Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire. Maintenance Engineering Advanced Apprenticeship. Learning provider NITAL in Corby. Employer Sarantel Ltd.

## Personal Achiever of the Year Sponsored by Education Maintenance Allowance

### East Midlands' Champion

Natalie Maddison, aged 22, from Boston, Lincolnshire. Playwork Advanced Apprenticeship. Learning provider Children's Links in Horncastle. Employer Hawthorn Tree Community Children's Centre in Boston.

### County Champions

**Leicestershire:** Michelle Davison, aged 19, from Loughborough, Leicestershire. Customer Service Advanced Apprenticeship. Learning provider VT Training in Southport. Employer Julian Graves.

**Northamptonshire:** Daniel Dovkants, aged 17, from Burton Latimer, Northamptonshire. Plastering Apprenticeship. Learning provider Kettering Borough Training in Kettering. Employer Millwood Builders & Plastering.

**Joint Nottinghamshire County Winner:** Annie Jackson, aged 19, from Sherwood, Nottinghamshire. Entry to Employment (e2e) programme. Learning provider Learning Works for Young People in Nottingham.

**Joint Nottinghamshire County Winner:** Aaron Knowles, aged 21, from Newark, Nottinghamshire. Customer Service Level 2 Apprenticeship. Learning provider Strategic Training Solutions in Mansfield. Employer Rich Furnishings.

**Derbyshire:** Kyrie Bennett, aged 17, from Hilton, Derbyshire. Business Administration Apprenticeship. Learning provider Training Services 2000 Ltd in Derby. Employer Derby City Council.



Rutland Winners



Northamptonshire Winners



Nottinghamshire Winners

## Employer of the Year

### 1-9 Employees Award

#### East Midlands' Champions

Face Facts in Buxton. Employs nine people with one currently undertaking an Apprenticeship with learning provider University of Derby - Buxton College of Further Education.

#### County Champions

**Lincolnshire & Rutland:** Ivor John Hallam Motor Engineers in Lincoln. Employs four people with one currently undertaking an Apprenticeship with learning provider HBS Options at Lincoln College.

**Leicestershire:** Rayners in Wigston Magna. Employs six people with four currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider Heart of England Training in Leicester.

**Nottinghamshire:** Rich Furnishings in Newark. Employs five people with one currently undertaking an Apprenticeship with learning provider Strategic Training Solutions in Mansfield.

### 10-49 Employees Award Sponsored by TNG

#### East Midlands' Champion

Scott Baiye in Earl Shilton, Leicestershire. Employs 10 people with two currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider North Warwickshire and Hinckley College.

#### County Champions

**Derbyshire:** NCS Fabrications Ltd in Derby. Employs 25 people with three currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider Training Services 2000 Ltd in Derby.

**Lincolnshire & Rutland:** Scot's Hair Design in Grantham, Lincolnshire. Employs 12 people with four currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider Grantham College.

**Northamptonshire:** Sterling Construction Management Ltd, Kettering, Northamptonshire. Employs 20 people with three currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider Kettering Borough Training.

**Nottinghamshire:** Woodborough Hall in Nottingham. Employs 20 people with four currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider New College Nottingham.

### 50-249 Employees Award Sponsored by Stephenson College

#### East Midlands' Champion

Slack & Parr Ltd in Kegworth, Leicestershire. Employs 196 people with 27 currently undertaking Apprenticeships with the on-site training manager.

#### County Champions

**Derbyshire:** Chesterfield Borough Council. Employing 209 people with 31 currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider Work Based Learning at Chesterfield College.

**Lincolnshire & Rutland:** David Wilson Homes North Midlands in Nottingham. Employs 231 people with 22 currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider Grantham College.

**Northamptonshire:** Belmont Press Ltd in Northampton. Employs 223 people with five currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider Kettering Borough Training.

**Nottinghamshire:** Bodhill & Sons Contractors Ltd in Linby, Nottinghamshire. Employs 137 people with currently six undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider CITB in Loughborough.

### 250+ Employees Sponsored by Train to Gain

#### East Midlands' Champion

Siemens Industrial Turbomachinery Ltd in Lincoln. Employs 2,200 people with currently 68 undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider Lincoln College.

#### County Champions

**Derbyshire:** Rolls-Royce plc in Derby. Employs 22,000 people in the UK with 223 currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider Derby College.

**Leicestershire:** New Look in Loughborough. Employs 52 people in the store with five currently undertaking Apprenticeships with learning provider Protocol Skills in Leicester.

# What the winners said...

"I have achieved a lot since I started my Apprenticeship, I have gained hands-on skills in the workshop as well as the day-to-day running of a vehicle service department and my confidence has improved immensely. My greatest achievement is receiving this accolade in recognition of the work I've done so far, it really motivates me to do better and achieve as much as I can within my Apprenticeship." *George Matthews*



"Thanks to the Apprenticeship and the support I have received, my technical expertise, which I have obtained both on and off the job, has enabled me to build my own client base and advise them well. I am now able to generate more income for the business. The Apprenticeship has enabled me to see a clear career path, where I can utilise my creative and artistic skills. It has built my confidence and given me pride in my work." *Matthew Young*

"One of the major benefits of the Apprenticeship has been in enabling me to continue with my ambition to play football at a professional level. It has focussed my talent and enthusiasm in a coherent and structured way and developed my knowledge, skills and attitudes in a supportive and professional context. Many of these attributes are transferable into other aspects of my life, notably my high levels of organisation and commitment to the task in hand." *James Cullingworth*



"Before I became a volunteer I had very low self esteem and a lack of confidence, I found it very difficult to interact with people I didn't know. Since joining e2e I have challenged myself personally and physically everyday, I can do things now that I never thought would be possible. Now I know what I want to do with my life and I've started my NVQ 2 in Health and Social Care which will hopefully give me the skills and knowledge to use in my future career. I'm fulfilling my dream of becoming independent!" *Annie Jackson*

"At Face Facts we know good employees are hard to find, that's why the Apprenticeship schemes work so well. We can train the apprentices to standards that meet our business requirements as well as developing and progressing the apprentices to maximise their own potential." *Liz Bond, Director.*



For further information about Apprenticeships, please visit [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

Young people, please call **080 800 13219** to speak to a Connexions Adviser.

Employers, please call **08000 150 400** to get a free information pack.

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