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LEICESTERSHIRE COMPANY AND YOUNG RECRUITS TRAIN AND GAIN

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Two young employees are reaping the benefits of free skills training at a company in Newbold, Leicestershire, thanks to Train to Gain, a service funded by the Learning and Skills Council to help businesses succeed.

Central Crusher and Screening Systems, a company which sells and distributes stone crushing machinery, recruited Danielle Mumford, 22, from Loughborough and Chad Gage, 17, from Coalville, to work in the after sales team.

Keen to support them and help develop their skills, Operations Manager John Gage contacted Train to Gain Skills Broker, James Lund, back in February 2007, to work up a suitable training plan for Danielle and Chad. NVQs were deemed most appropriate for them and the needs of the business, and in-house training was set up with a local training provider, with the cost being met by Train to Gain.

Danielle completed NVQ level 2 in Customer Care in December and is now enrolled on an NVQ level 2 in Business Administration. Similarly, Chad passed his NVQ level 2 in Warehouse Distribution in December and has just begun NVQ level 2 in Customer Care.

Danielle Mumford, Warranty Assistant, said: "I have been with Central for four years now and I am pleased with the progression I have made since joining the company. The NVQs have given me a great advantage in progressing to the next level within the company."

Chad Gage, Service Assistant, said: "Since I started at Central 18 months ago I have received loads of training and development support, which has really helped me in my current position. It's also good because these qualifications will stand me in good stead for future promotions within the company."

John Gage, Operations Manager, said: "We are committed to training our staff as it helps them develop new skills and learn about how business works, which is great for both them and us. It has been so successful that we are planning to take another young recruit on later in the year too. The support from Train to Gain and our training provider Constant, Browning, Edmonds Ltd, has been fantastic and we look forward to continuing to work with them well into the future."

James Lund, Train to Gain Skills Broker, said: "It's been great working with John and his team at Central, as they are committed to giving their staff the best development opportunities that they can."

"All companies across the country can access Train to Gain services. Developing skills across the county is vital to increase productivity, support advances in enterprise and innovation and improve our economic well-being. For more information on Train to Gain telephone 0845 057 1817, text TRAIN to 64446, register at www.iwanttotrain.com or visit www.traintogain.gov.uk"

NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. Photo caption– left to right: Chad Gage, James Lund (Train to Gain), Danielle Mumford, John Gage.
2. Central Crusher and Screening Systems Ltd and Central Screen and Crushing Services Ltd are part of the Brown Clark Group Ltd. The business is located at,

Pipe Yard Lane Works, Worthington Lane, Newbold, Coleorton, Leicestershire.

Tel: 01530 225 820, Web: www.centralcrushersandscreens.com

3. Train to Gain is a new service run by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC). Train to Gain aims to improve productivity and competitiveness by making sure employees have the right skills to do the right job through: an organisational needs analysis, by making recommendations on the most relevant training and providing best value for money.
4. The brokerage service for Train to Gain in the East Midlands is provided under contract to the LSC, by East Midlands Business Ltd (EMB); a joint venture partnership formed by Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Chambers of Commerce.
5. The government commissioned report into skills published by Lord Leitch in December 2006 called for a radical overhaul in adult training and warned that the UK's skill base was lower than many international competitors.

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