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All aboard for training roadshow



● **The Train to Gain team out on a mission – left to right, Patricia Jones, Sharon Marino, Rachel George and Tilly Koronos.** Picture: SEANA HUGHES (59605-a)

COLCHESTER businesses received free and impartial training advice on their doorstep when the Train to Gain roadshow came to town.

Train to Gain, a service of the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), visited more than 40 business and industrial parks to offer advice on training for employees and where they can find it.

About 1,600 businesses in Essex have already signed up with Train to Gain but the LSC believes the skill gaps in the retail, health and social care and construction sectors in the east of England is affecting their overall performance.

With Train to Gain, the LSC said businesses could save money with training staff as the scheme helps with funding for some courses.

Paul Storey, skills development director at the LSC east of England, said: "Train to Gain makes it easier for managers to identify and address any skills shortfalls within their companies. Our locally-based skills brokers will carry out an audit of a

business's training needs, expensive, or even cost the company anything." The National Audit office said the skills gap costs a 50-employee business £165,000 in lost revenue each year.

For more information visit train-togain.gov.uk or call 0800 387326.