

CHESHIRE COMPANY CELEBRATES TRAINING SUCCESS AS TRAIN TO GAIN CELEBRATES ITS SECOND BIRTHDAY

Cheshire company is on the road to success as one of 100,000 companies to benefit from the Skills Brokerage Service.

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Winsford-based Edmund Nuttall is celebrating the success of a training service that has just signed up its 100,000th company as it helps to provide businesses with the skills they need to deliver results.

Edmund Nuttall is part of a national company that offers a range of civil engineering, construction and infrastructure maintenance services, with the Winsford office being the infrastructure maintenance partner for Cheshire County Council.

Since its launch in 2006, Train to Gain has helped more than 570,000 employees in England get training and over 291,000 learners have achieved a qualification. An evaluation published this year revealed that 43 per cent of people who had completed their training reported having received a pay rise and 30 per cent reported having had promotion. Funding for Train to Gain will increase from £520 million in 2007-08 to over £1 billion by 2010-11.

Edmund Nuttall's Operations Manager, Richard Davies said: "We had already developed close relationships with Mid Cheshire College as they had provided training for many of our employees in the past. With the advent of the LSC's Train to Gain Service, we discussed our training requirements with a Skills Broker from Business Link Northwest

and they put us in touch with Total People and Plan-IT Training too, helping us broaden the scope of the training we offer employees.”

“We have made training and recognising achievement part of our culture,” Richard enthuses. “We’ve always had a motivated team but the training has definitely helped to maximise productivity and efficiency and it’s helped workers share our corporate goals.”

Kirsty Evans, Skills Development Director at the Learning and Skills Council in the North West, which manages Train to Gain in the region said: “We know that 78 per cent of employers say that they would recommend Train to Gain to other employers. This endorsement proves that the service is effective, delivers results and makes sound business sense.

“In order to perform well, every business needs trained staff who can work to the best of their ability. Investment in staff not only leads to greater productivity but to an increase in staff morale and employee retention.

“We would urge every company in Cheshire to address their training needs, just like Edmund Nuttall has done, and consider how best their training requirements can be met.”

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