

MERSEYSIDE MPS GO BACK TO THE FLOOR

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Joe Benton MP, George Howarth MP, and Angela Eagle MP have left Westminster behind to find out about the work of apprentices in their constituencies. The MPs for Bootle, Knowsley North and Sefton East, and Wallasey went back to work to celebrate Apprenticeship Week.

Members of Parliament from across England have shadowed apprentices in order to gain a better understanding of how a 21st century Apprenticeship works. The MPs learned about the vital role apprentices play in today's society, and about the business benefits of Apprenticeships.

Joe Benton MP visited Bootle training provider North West Training Council, George Howarth MP spent time with engineering apprentices at RJ Edwards and Co. at Knowsley Industrial Park, and Angela Eagle MP spent time with Wirral Partnerships Housing in Wallasey.

This wasn't the first experience of apprentice life for all the participants; Joe Benton MP was once an apprentice fitter and turner, while George Howarth MP was an engineering apprentice.

Simon Pierce, Acting Director of Area for Greater Merseyside at the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), said "Apprentices make a big impact on a range of businesses across Merseyside, and Apprenticeship Week celebrates the business benefits that employing apprentices can bring.

“I am delighted that these MPs have chosen to ‘go back to the floor’, and I am sure that the insights they gain will give them an even greater understanding of the excellent work done by our apprentices.”

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Photo Captions

MP George Howarth meets the apprentices at R.J Edwards fabrication in Kirkby Paul Tinsley (LSC), Joe Benton MP, apprentices John Humphreys and Phil Comer, and Paul Musa (North West Training Council)
Stephen Hewson, apprentice joiner, with Angela Eagle MP and Mark Donnelly (LSC)

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