

Local Government Association

NEWSLETTER

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Reminder: If you've not yet joined us on the KHUB you can sign up to our apprenticeships group [here](#).

Got an urgent question on apprenticeships? Email us on our 24/7 query line on info@spark.org.uk

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the latest LGA Apprenticeships Newsletter. We've got a lot of updates this month, but unfortunately have to start with some sad news.

In Memorium: Rosalie Penn, Dudley Council

I was extremely shocked to receive the news yesterday from colleagues at Dudley that Rosalie (Rose) Penn, Dudley's excellent apprenticeships lead, had died suddenly. Rose was extremely active in apprenticeship circles and even those of you who didn't work with her directly will I'm sure know her either from the apprenticeships network in the West Midlands, through her always helpful comments on the KHUB, from our action learning programme or through our webinars where she was always happy to help with a case study – a testament to the fantastic work she did on apprenticeships.

I wanted to share the message I received from her colleague, Clare Palmer, at Dudley, which I think sums up Rose incredibly well and the sadness all of those who knew her are feeling at her passing.

We are deeply saddened and shocked to share the sudden loss of our dear Colleague and friend, Rosalie (Rose) Penn. Rose was a bright and larger than life character, who had boundless energy and time for anyone. Warm and well-liked, Rose was not only a colleague but someone you could turn to and was considered by myself and many to be a friend.

Rose's passion and strong work ethic stretched beyond the Council and even the borough, committed to fostering a workplace where everyone can learn and grow together. Rose led the Council's drive to launch a successful apprenticeships programme and achieved recognition through Local and National Award schemes. An optimistic team player who cared deeply about her work, Rose has left a hole not just in our team, but in the whole organisation.

Rose remains a testament to the ethos of Dudley Council and will be greatly missed.

For my own part, I always enjoyed working with Rose who was a dedicated professional, good company, and always had a smile. She's positively impacted the lives of countless apprentices in Dudley and will be missed by all who knew her. All of us at the LGA send out our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.

Last chance to book places for the Local Government Apprentice of the Year 2022

Time is running out to book your apprentices' places to take part in the Local Government Apprentice of the Year 2022.

We have extended the deadline to **5pm on Monday 9 May 2022**.

This national event, taking place on 25 and 26 May is open to all Level 2 and 3 apprentices in local government, including those who are currently apprentices as well as those that have qualified in the last 12 months. In this 'Apprentice Challenge' style event, apprentices will work in virtual teams to experience the opportunities, risks, and challenges involved in delivering successful local government services, in a developmental environment.

Apprenticeships Minister Alex Burghart MP will be speaking on day 1, with prizes awarded to the winner, runner up and winning team on Day 2.

For more information, you can [read my blog post](#) on the event on the LGA website, [read our Q&A](#) about the event and book your places online via the East of England LGA website, who are kindly running the booking process again this year.

<https://www.eelga.gov.uk/events/national-local-government-apprentice-of-the-year-2022/>

First Wave of New Tools Now Up on the KHUB

As we highlighted in our last newsletter, the first monthly tranche of the new tools we are creating for the sector are now ready to download on the KHUB.

This month we have four new things for you, all following on from our two webinars last month on social care and social work. We have developed short pathway guides for both social care and social work, which we hope you can use with staff and managers to show them progression opportunities, and both guides are also supported by Apprenticeships A-Zs in both areas that show all of the apprenticeships that match up to job roles, with info about the duration of the qualification and the cost also included.

You can download the documents from the KHUB from the following links (must be a member of our KHUB group and logged in for these to work):

[Social Care Pathway Guide](#)
[Social Care Apprenticeships A-Z](#)
[Social Work Pathway Guide](#)
[Social Work Apprenticeships A-Z](#)

The Links can sometimes break when the newsletter is forwarded on. If they don't work for any reason, you can find the documents on the KHUB by following the below steps:

LGA Apprenticeships Group > Library > 01. LGA Support Offer, Mapping Tool and Webinars > A to Z and Career Pathways

Apprenticeship MOTs

We're delighted to be able to offer more information on our Apprenticeship MOTs. Attached is a short document explaining the offer, the process and what you'll get if you sign up.

MOTs are provided free of charge by the LGA and this year we are able to provide two days of consultancy report after the MOT to help councils implement some of the recommendations. However, we only have eight spaces over the summer and four councils have already expressed an interest, so if you are keen on undergoing an MOT, please do get in touch as soon as possible. I will follow up with the other councils that have expressed an interest in the MOT process already at the start of next week.

Webinars

If you missed the links to sign up to our webinars when we sent them out last week, you can still sign up to any of the sessions at the links below.

End point Assessment Good Practice

Wednesday 22 June 2pm – 3.30pm

Book here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9063252779850489613>

Schools Update

Wednesday 29 June 2pm – 3.30pm

Book here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2897615982771226127>

Apprenticeships with Impact – Specialist High-Value, Low Volume Apprenticeships

Wednesday 6 July 2pm – 3.30pm

Book here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1294220166218307342>

We know from feedback from councils that the wrong link was circulated for one of the webinars we are holding in August on the ESFA Funding Rules changes. Please accept our apologies.

If you have already followed the link to the session for Apprenticeship Leads (which was incorrect) and have signed up you do not need to take any action. We have updated this link and you are now booked on the correct session. If you want to register for this webinar and have not yet done so, please follow the link for the session below.

ESFA Funding Rules – Overview for Apprenticeship Leads (for Apprenticeships Leads)

Thursday 4 August 10am – 11.30am

Book here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5784446433660364814>

For those wanting to attend the Employer Provider session, you will need to either rebook at the new link below, or email info@spark.org.uk and we can move your booking across from the other session if you now think you are incorrectly booked on that. You will then get a confirmation email confirming you are booked on the correct session.

ESFA Funding Rules – Overview for Apprenticeship Leads (Employer-Providers)

Thursday 4 August 10am – 11.30am

Book here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5165757837780438541>

Miss any of our recent webinars? Listen back to the sessions at the links below

Implementing Apprenticeships with Impact – Social Care

[Watch the Webinar](#)

Implementing Apprenticeships with Impact – Social Workers

[Watch the Webinar](#)

Surgeries

Following the success of these sessions last year, we will continue to offer slots to meet with the LGA's Apprenticeships Adviser, Jamie Saddler, for any council that wants to have a more in depth one-to-one discussion on any aspect of apprenticeships. Dates and timeslots for surgeries through to the end of July are below. If you want to book a slot, email Jamie directly on jamie.saddler@local.gov.uk outlining your preferred date and time, as well as a little bit about what you want to discuss.

Date	Slots Available					
09-May	1pm – 1.30pm				3pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 4pm
26-May			2pm - 2.30pm	2.30pm - 3pm	3pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 4pm
06-Jun	1pm – 1.30pm	1.30pm - 2pm	2pm - 2.30pm	2.30pm - 3pm	3pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 4pm
16-Jun	1pm – 1.30pm	1.30pm - 2pm	2pm - 2.30pm	2.30pm - 3pm	3pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 4pm
30-Jun	1pm – 1.30pm	1.30pm - 2pm	2pm - 2.30pm	2.30pm - 3pm	3pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 4pm
14-Jul	1pm – 1.30pm	1.30pm - 2pm	2pm - 2.30pm	2.30pm - 3pm	3pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 4pm
28-Jul	1pm – 1.30pm	1.30pm - 2pm	2pm - 2.30pm	2.30pm - 3pm	3pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 4pm
11-Aug	1pm – 1.30pm	1.30pm - 2pm	2pm - 2.30pm	2.30pm - 3pm	3pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 4pm

Last Day for T Levels Survey Responses

The LGA has put together a short survey which aims to find out the extent of your council's knowledge of T Levels, track the progress of councils on their T Level journey and understand if your workplace is looking to implement placements in the future. This information will help us to tailor our support offer for councils. **Today is the final day to submit your council's response.**

Please fill out the short survey below. If you have any questions, email lqatlevels@local.gov.uk.

[Complete the survey here](#)

UPDATE: 5 More days to claim Apprenticeship Incentive Payments

The government announced this week that you have five more days to get your claims in for Apprenticeship Incentive payments. Employers can apply for a payment of £3k for new apprentices with an employment start date from 1 October 2021 to 31 January 2022. The application deadline to claim these payments has now been extended from 15 May 2022 to 20 May 2022.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/incentive-payments-for-hiring-a-new-apprentice>

IFATE Apprentice Panel Recruitment

Recruitment to join the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education apprentice panel has now opened.

The main purpose of the apprentice panel is to ensure the views of apprentices are represented across the work and governance of the Institute. The panel decides which issues to focus on, and panel representatives attend Institute board meetings to advise and challenge on those issues. They also meet regularly with ministers and other government officials to ensure the apprentice experience is front and centre of new policy thinking.

To apply, apprentices need to [complete the expression of interest form and upload a copy of their CV](#). Closing date for applications is midnight on 16 May 2022.

Your suggestions/ideas

If you have any suggestions for what you'd like to see in future newsletters, have items you want to add yourselves, want to sign a colleague up to our mailing list or want to **unsubscribe** yourself from the mailing list, please contact jamie.saddler@local.gov.uk

Best wishes

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