

## Local Updates

### Firefighter jobs in Hull as Humberside Fire and Rescue Service advertises for new recruits

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service is recruiting for new full-time firefighters.

It is advertising 20 positions, with successful new recruits due to start their training in September 2017.

Applicants are being invited to a series of taster sessions over the next two months. People who attend will get a chance to meet firefighters, learn more about the job and take part in daily activities.

An open session will be held at Clough Road Fire Station, Hull, on Saturday February 18, from 10am to 4pm. A second open session will be held in Grimsby, at the Peaks Lane Fire Station, on Saturday March 4 (10am-4pm).

Chief Fire Officer Dene Sanders said he was delighted to be recruiting again. He said: "Last year we opened full-time recruitment for the first time in nearly ten years.

Read more at <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/firefighter-jobs-in-hull-as-humberside-fire-and-rescue-service-advertises-for-new-recruits/story-30124656-detail/story.html#7P1SWYA9TEXM2mie.99>



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Source: Hull Daily Mail 09.02.17

### More than 400 jobs to be created in total as part of British Steel support fund

A total of 413 jobs are to be created as part of the British Steel support fund.

The support fund was set up by North Lincolnshire Council in April 2016 following the announcement of significant jobs losses at the then Tata Steel owned plant.

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills allocated £3million in support to the council who acts as the accountable body for the fund.

Thirteen grants have been approved to date which amounts to £2.09million in funds.

Further applications are currently being considered and £589,000 remains in the fund including pipeline projects.

To date, 297 jobs have been created as a result of the fund.

The council now projects a total of 413 jobs to be created and monitoring will be undertaken to ensure that these jobs last more than three-years.

Read the full story at [www.humberbusiness.com](http://www.humberbusiness.com)

Source: [www.marketinghumber.com](http://www.marketinghumber.com) 31.03.17

## Investment creates new jobs in Hull firm Sondia Lighting

New jobs are being created thanks to 'significant' investment in a Hull-based lighting company.

Humber Electrical Engineering Company (HEECO) sold Sondia Lighting to Bradford firm Southgate Lighting in June 2016.

Since then, the new owners have pumped money into new premises, plant and equipment which has enabled Sondia Lighting to double its manufacturing operations, creating five new jobs, with a further ten in the pipeline over the next three years.

Read more: <http://humberbusiness.com/news/investment-creates-new-jobs-in-hull/story-5181-detail/story>

Source: Hull Daily Mail 28.03.17

## Accsys wood chip plant to create 160 new jobs at Saltend Chemicals Park in Hull

Up to 160 jobs are to be created in East Yorkshire thanks to a new manufacturing plant at Saltend.

Accsys Technologies is building a wood chip plant on the chemical park which will manufacture Tricoya – a durable wood product that can be used in joinery, decking and structural engineering.

Accsys has formed a consortium, together with BP and MDF producer Medite, to deliver the project which will create up to 130 jobs in the construction phase and a further 30 once the plant is up and running.

Read More: <http://humberbusiness.com/news/accsys-wood-chip-plant-to-create/story-5215-detail/story>

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## Work starts on £25m Humber BMW facility which will create 100 jobs

BLE Group has turned to Clugston **Construction** to deliver the £25 million new import centre for BMW at North Killingholme.

The 6,000 sq m facility will be developed by the northern Lincolnshire specialist under a design and **build** contract with Durham-based Howarth Litchfield, who secured the appointment as architect and principal designer.

The 30-week build of the pre-delivery inspection facility is now underway, and will create around **100 jobs** once operational.

Read more at <http://www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk/work-starts-on-25m-humber-bmw-facility-which-will-create-100-jobs/story-30199766-detail/story.html#TVxXwddjiPEXzEkl.99>

Source: Grimsby Telegraph 14.03.17

## International Women's Day - 'Huge opportunities for women in seafood industry'



AFTER a career in fashion retail spanning two decades, and a short spell in property, Louise Coulbeck jumped at the chance to join her husband in a **new business** venture in the sector.

Louise has a long family history in the seafood industry.

"It's in our blood and we are very passionate about Grimsby. My grandparents worked on Grimsby docks and my mum worked for British Rail managing 30 ladies typing invoices for fish moving up and down the country," she explained.

Read more at <http://www.grimsbytelegraph.co.uk/international-women-s-day-huge-opportunities-for-women-in-seafood-industry/story-30186122-detail/story.html#hEdrMTsWBB3do3IK.99>

Source: Grimsby Telegraph 08.03.17

## New jobs on the cards at Hessle's Intrasource thanks to Tata Steel investment

A subsidiary of Tata Steel that supports economic regeneration in areas hit by industrial changes is supporting growth at a Hessle firm.

Intrasource says it is planning to grow its workforce by 50 per cent in 2017 following the £150,000 investment from UK Steel Enterprise.

The East Yorkshire headquartered IT services firm has earmarked the cash to bolster its sales and technical teams.

Read More: <http://humberbusiness.com/news/new-jobs-on-the-cards-at/story-5274-detail/story>

Source: Humber Business 04.04.17

## Regional/National Updates

### National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage rates

#### Current rates

These rates are for the National Living Wage and the National Minimum Wage. The rates change every April.

Year	25 and over	21 to 24	18 to 20	Under 18	Apprentice
April 2017	£7.50	£7.05	£5.60	£4.05	£3.50

Read More: <https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

Source: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

## Vocational training shake-up 'most ambitious since A-levels'

Vocational and technical education in England is to get an extra £500m a year in a bid to train more skilled workers and boost the economy.

The plans, to be set out in the Budget, also include replacing 13,000 existing qualifications with 15 "routes" linked to the needs of employers.

Students in further education or at a technical college will also be eligible for maintenance loans. The new courses are expected to start from the 2019/20 academic year.

The government is calling the plans the most ambitious education reform since the introduction of A-levels 70 years ago.

The funding will increase the amount of training for 16 to 19-year-olds' by 50%, to 900 hours a year.

Read more: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39169490>

Source: BBC 05.03.17

## New GCSE 9 to 1 grades coming soon

Students taking GCSEs in England this summer will receive a mixture of number and letter grades. English language, English literature and maths are the first subjects to use the new system, with most other subjects adopting numbers by 2019. Eventually all GCSEs taken in England will receive numerical grades.

### *9 things to know about the new GCSE grades*

1. GCSEs in England are being reformed and will be graded with a new scale from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade.
2. New GCSE content will be more challenging.
3. Fewer grade 9s will be awarded than A\*s.
4. English language, English literature and maths will be the first to be graded from 9 to 1 in 2017.
5. Another 20 subjects will have 9 to 1 grading in 2018, with most others following in 2019. During this transition, students will receive a mixture of letter and number grades.
6. The new grades are being brought in to signal that GCSEs have been reformed and to better differentiate between students of different abilities.
7. In the first year each new GCSE subject is introduced, broadly the same proportion of students will get a grade 4 or above as would have got a grade C or above in the old system.
8. These changes are only happening in England. Wales and Northern Ireland are not introducing the new 9 to 1 grading scale as part of their changes to GCSEs.
9. You can see how the 9 to 1 grades compare with the A\* to G scale in our [GCSE grading postcard](#).

Read more: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-gcse-9-to-1-grades-coming-soon>

Source: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) 03.03.17

## Employment hits highest rate since records began...

The employment rate is at a record 74.6% – the highest employment rate since records began in 1971. Official figures released by the Office for National Statistics show that there are over 300,000 more people in work compared to the same time last year, and the number of women in work has risen to a record rate of 70.0%.

The latest statistics also show that unemployment continues to run at an 11-year low of just 4.8%, down by more than 900,000 since 2010.

Read More: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/employment-hits-highest-rate-since-records-began>

Source: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) 15.02.17

## Employment boost for older workers...

A new government strategy encourages the over 50s to reap the benefits of work, including a second career. A new strategy is calling on employers to boost the number of older workers and ensure they are not writing people off once they reach a certain age, helping to build a country that works for everyone. It's estimated that by mid-2030s people aged 50 and over will comprise more than half of the UK adult population. The government is encouraging people to take full advantage of the opportunities that work can bring, including seeking out a new career if they are feeling unfulfilled at work. A group of over 40 employers have spearheaded the new business approach to older workers.

As part of the new **Fuller Working Lives** strategy, ministers and business leaders have set out the social and health benefits of working longer. Highlighting the need for businesses to 'retain, retrain and recruit' older workers, the strategy outlines how a coalition of jobcentres and businesses

Read More: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/employment-boost-for-older-workers>

Source: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) 02.02.17

## Interesting Reading

<http://www.euskills.co.uk/sites/default/files/Workforce%20Renewal%20and%20Skills%20Strategy%20FINAL.pdf>

<http://www.balfourbeatty.com/media/195882/balfour-beatty-staying-on-track.pdf>

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/robert-halfon-bett-2017-speech>

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/careers/top-graduate-employers?y=2015&r=Yorkshire%20and%20the%20Humber>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree>

[https://www.hecsu.ac.uk/current\\_projects\\_what\\_do\\_graduates\\_do.htm](https://www.hecsu.ac.uk/current_projects_what_do_graduates_do.htm)

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/career-planning/324633-where-in-the-uk-are-you-most-likely-to-get-a-graduate-job>

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/choosing-an-employer/320357-which-graduate-career-offers-the-best-pay>

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