

Local Updates

Hull firm MB Roche and Sons is working with veterans to bring skills to the construction industry

The UK construction industry is, like many sectors, facing a mammoth challenge in terms of skills. Construction is regarded as one of the main pillars of the nation's economy, yet its success depends on finding enough skilled workers to keep the wheels of industry moving.

A study by Constructing Excellence in Yorkshire and Humber (CEYH) predicts 190,000 construction jobs will be created by the end of 2018, causing an ongoing headache for employers and educators alike.

One East Yorkshire family firm is now seeking to play its part in addressing the skills issue, by offering work placements and job support to veterans.

MB Roche and Sons Ltd has teamed up with Buildforce to connect veterans with construction opportunities, providing work placements and full-time employment to service leavers, together with mentoring guidance on identifying transferable skills, training and jobs.

Source: Hull Daily Mail 25.05.17

Read more at <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/hull-firm-mb-roche-and-sons-is-working-with-veterans-to-bring-skills-to-the-construction-industry/story-30354088-detail/story.html#3C5zzPCxP4HuDWYo.99>

East Yorkshire law firm Wilkin Chapman goes for growth with new appointments

An increase in the demand for legal services has prompted expansion at an East Yorkshire law firm.

Wilkin Chapman's Beverley office at the Hall in Lairgate has grown its workforce to 40, with four of the latest recruits all having studied in Hull.

Source: Hull Daily Mail 14.07.17

Read More: <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/business/law-firm-wilkin-chapman-goes-196280>

21 jobs going at Hull New Theatre after after £16m makeover

Hull New Theatre is due to reopen in a matter of weeks after a major £16 million refurbishment.

Now you have a chance to work at this world-class venue in Kingston Square, with 21 **job vacancies** currently up for grabs.

Source: Hull Daily Mail 15.06.17

Read More: <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/21-jobs-going-hull-new-113641>

Electric kit car race attracts over 2,000 of visitors to KCOM Stadium

More than 2,000 people from across the Humber region saw 66 electric kit cars race around Hull's KCOM Stadium on Sunday (16th July), as part of innovative education initiative Project Blyth. The cars had been built from scratch by the 33 teams of young people taking part.

Races were held throughout the day for different age groups: IET Formula Goblin for primary school children aged 9-11 year olds, IET Formula 24 for 11-16 year olds and IET Formula 24 + for 16-25-year-olds.

The winners on the day were: Eastfield Primary School (Hull), Francis Askew Primary School (Hull) and Healing Primary School (Healing) in the IET Formula Goblin category; Healing School (Healing) and South Holderness Technology College (Preston) in the IET Formula 24 category; and Hymers College (Hull) in the IET Formula 24+ category. These teams will now go into the national finals held at Rockingham in Northants.

The cars have been supplied to primary schools, secondary schools, colleges and community groups by Greenpower Education Trust, a charity that encourages young people to think about engineering as a career. The hands-on project captures the excitement of motorsport to inspire young people, from primary school through to university, to excel in STEM subjects, helping to address the serious shortage of engineers faced by UK industry.

The Humber project is supported by major employers within the region including Siemens Gamesa and the University of Hull, with 60 local firms already committed to supporting teams.

Source: Marketing the Humber 18.07.17

Read More: <http://www.marketinghumber.com/news/business/electric-kit-car-race-attracts-over-2-000-of-visitors-to-kcom-stadium/>

Hull's Alderson House care home reopens after huge refurbishment and it's creating 50 jobs

A new care home has opened in Hull as a result of a joint venture between an expanding care home provider and a development company that focuses on housing and health projects.

Alderson House had been closed for more than two years but has been refurbished and reopened by Burlington Lovel, a partnership between Burlington Care of [Bridlington](#) and Beverley-based Lovel Developments.

The building in Linnaeus Street was officially opened by Alan Johnson just before he stepped down as MP for Hull West and Hessle.

Burlington Lovel will follow this investment with construction of a new care home at Hessle.

Source: Hull Daily Mail 19.06.17

Read More: <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/hull-east-yorkshire-news/hulls-alderson-house-care-home-88774#msgtviCTIZZJG4Vr.99>

Regional/National Updates

UK unemployment drops to 1.49m

UK unemployment fell by 64,000 to 1.49 million in the three months to May, official figures show.

It meant the unemployment rate fell by 0.2% to its lowest since 1975, at 4.5%, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) added.

But wage increases continued to fall further behind inflation.

Excluding bonuses, earnings rose by 2.0% year-on-year. However, inflation had hit an almost four-year high of 2.9% in May.

When the impact of inflation is factored in, real weekly wages fell by 0.5% compared with a year earlier.

"Despite the strong jobs picture... there has been another real-terms fall in total earnings, with the growth in weekly wages low and inflation still rising," said Matt Hughes, senior statistician at the Office for National Statistics.

Those in work climbed to around 32 million, a rise of 324,000 on last year and the largest total since records began in 1971.

The employment rate rose by 0.3% on the quarter to a record high of 74.9%.

Source: BBC 12.07.17

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-40579523>

Fears as zero hours contracts increase despite unemployment falling to lowest level since 2005

The number of people out of work in our region has fallen to its lowest level in more than a decade. New figures show there are currently 6,315 people claiming benefits in Hull – down from 6,700 last year and a drop of 54 per cent since 2010.

The number of people claiming benefits in the East Riding has also fallen, to 2,685 – a 1 per cent drop compared with 2016 and 54 per cent fewer than 2010.

Minister for Employment, Damian Hinds, said: "These latest statistics are another reminder that our strong economy is giving record numbers of people the chance to find and stay in work.

"There's good news in Yorkshire and the Humber, where the unemployment rate is at 4.8 per cent - the lowest it has been since 2005.

"We're committed to delivering a welfare system which transforms lives and offers help to those who need it most, whatever their background or wherever they are from."

However, while the headline figures from the Office for National Statistics paint a rosy picture of the region's job scene, the Trades Union Congress (TUC) warns the data also reveals an alarming increase in zero hours contracts.

The TUC has flagged up data that shows workers in Yorkshire are getting fewer paid hours compared to this time last year, with the region at the bottom of the league table for hours worked.

For the second month running, Yorkshire has the lowest number of weekly hours worked, at 31.4 hours a week - an hour less than the national average.

Source: Hull Daily Mail 13.07.17

Read More: <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/business/unemployment-falls-lowest-level-2005-193507>

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