

University of Hull in Top 10 for graduate employability

THE University of Hull is now ranked in the top ten in the country for graduate employability, according to a major report that has just been released.

More than 96 per cent of Hull graduates are in work or further study six months after leaving the institution.

The annual Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) is the university sector's benchmark of employability, published by the Higher Education Statistics Agency.

Hull is now ranked joint eighth in the country, up from 20th in the table last year.

Norman Day, the university's director of careers and employability service, said: "We are delighted to be ranked in the top ten for graduate employability.

"We know how important career prospects are to our students and we are very proud of how well we [prepare our graduates for the world of work](#)."

The new figures come as the university prepares to celebrate its degree ceremonies this week.

Among those graduating is Josh Hampton, who has a place on the graduate scheme at PwC, starting this September.

He said: "[The university](#) has been great to me. It made me feel like I was a person, not just a number.

"They picked me up when I was struggling and gave me the opportunity to develop my drive and ambitions for the future."

Jonathan Copeland, currently on the graduate scheme at Rolls-Royce, said: "I chose Hull for its outstanding facilities and the success graduates have in gaining employment on completing their studies.

Read more at <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/university-of-hull-in-top-10-for-graduate-employability/story-29496420-detail/story.html#BA8QUveUzQHOqOG0.99>

Source: Hull Daily Mail 11.07.16

Employers warn of widening skills gap

An increasing number of UK employers are worried that they will not be able recruit enough high-skilled employees, according to an annual CBI survey.

The survey of 500 employers found 69% were concerned about not being able to find enough high-skilled staff, compared with 55% last year.

The report showed that demand for low-skilled workers would continue to fall.

Tackling this skills gap has become a "top business priority", said CBI deputy director general Josh Hardie.

The survey says this could become even more difficult after the decision to leave the European Union.

"Not only will we have our existing UK skills shortages to address, but potentially reduced access to migrant skills will also impact businesses," says the CBI's report on the survey results.

Read more: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-36783460>

Source: BBC 19.07.16

UK jobless total falls to 1.64 million

Total UK unemployment dropped between April and June in the run-up to the Brexit vote, official figures indicate.

The UK's jobless total fell by 52,000 to 1.64 million, and the unemployment rate remained at 4.9%, **the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said.**

The number of people on the claimant count in July, the first month since the UK's vote to leave the EU, was 763,600, down 8,600 from June.

Wages excluding bonuses rose 2.3% in the three months to June, the ONS said.

Read more: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-37105028>

Source: BBC 17.08.16

Steelworks to recruit 100 young trainees

BRITISH Steel today announced it was **recruiting** a new generation of steelworkers by taking on more than 100 trainees.

The young recruits – aged from 16 years upwards – are joining British Steel this summer in a variety of roles across the company's **operations** in Scunthorpe and Teesside.

They include 46 apprentices, 17 graduates and seven people enrolling on the degree apprenticeship scheme. They will be joined by scores of under graduates who will work on placement schemes with many of them likely to join British Steel full-time when they've completed their degrees.

It takes the number of people taken on by British Steel since its June launch to nearly 200, after the firm previously announced 80 agency workers were being transferred on to its books.

British Steel human resources director Paul Martin said: "We are extremely proud to be recruiting so many young people to our business – they are the new generation of steelworkers.

Read more at <http://www.scunthorpetelegraph.co.uk/steelworks-to-recruit-100-young-trainees/story-29606382-detail/story.html#Mo7a9hqt4G06dHww.99>

Source: Scunthorpe Telegraph 11.08.16

More people in work in Hull and East Riding

More people are in work in Hull and the East Riding than at this time last year, new figures show.

Gill Dillon, employer and partnership manager at Hull Job Centre Plus, believes there are plenty of opportunities out there for those seeking employment.

She said: "If people are looking for work, this is a good time. We are seeing a lot of our claimants going into retail, hospitality, care sector and food manufacturing roles.

"Certainly, there are lots of new bars and restaurants opening and it is good to see plans in the pipeline for new retail developments across the city."

In Hull, the number of people claiming Job Seeker's Allowance or searching for work and claiming Universal Credit was 6,340, a 12 per cent decrease on this time last year. In the East Riding, the figure was 2,695, an 8 per cent fall in the figures.

In Yorkshire and the Humber, 2.5m people were reported to be in work, with 12,000 more people employed than in the same period last year.

The employment rate in the UK as a whole is now at a record high of 74.5 per cent and the unemployment rate is at its lowest level in more than ten years at 4.9 per cent, according to the latest labour market statistics.

The Office for National Statistics confirmed that there are a record 31.75m people now in work – up by more than 600,000 in the past year and by 2.7m since 2010. The rise in employment continues to be driven by full-time work, which has accounted for 75 per cent of the growth since 2010.

Read more at <http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/more-people-in-work-in-hull-and-east-yorkshire/story-29629568-detail/story.html#gumDGAqtCXqKRRpb.99>

Source: Hull Daily Mail 18.08.16

New report reveals KCOM delivers 1,600 local jobs and £187m economic boost

Communications provider KCOM generates almost 1,600 local jobs and delivers a £187m boost to the economy in Hull and East Yorkshire, according to a new report published today.

The figures are significantly higher than in previous research and demonstrate the substantial impact KCOM has on the local economy through direct and indirect employment and spending with local suppliers.

Read more: <http://www.marketinghumber.com/news/regional/new-report-reveals-kcom-delivers-1-600-local-jobs-and-187m-economic-boost/>

Source: Bondholders 27.07.16

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Post-16 skills plan and independent report on technical education

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/post-16-skills-plan-and-independent-report-on-technical-education>

Jobs market shrinks for new graduates, survey suggests

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-37246632?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

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