# Apprenticeship Ambassador Network



# What is an Apprenticeship Ambassador?

The Apprenticeship Ambassadors are all employers who have recruited apprentices as part of their workforce.

They are passionate about their experiences with apprentices and are keen to promote the apprenticeship route to other employers and potential new apprentices.

# What does an Apprenticeship Ambassador do?

- Proactively champions apprenticeships in their own networks including customers, supply chains, and trade & sector bodies
- Acts as a role model to promote and encourage the breadth and diversity within apprenticeships
- Shares experiences, knowledge and skills and talks positively and honestly about the impact an apprentice has made within your organisation – this may be through case studies, meetings and events and via social media
- Endorses apprenticeships at job fairs, skills shows and events and influences other employers about the benefits of apprenticeships
- Ambassadors volunteer to undertake their role for approximately 1 day every 3 months.

# What support will an Apprenticeship Ambassador receive?

- Be part of a network of trusted and influential Apprenticeship Ambassadors locally as part of the wider region – expanding your own networking and peer to peer support opportunities
- Invited to an annual regional conference to share good practice, network across the regional ambassador group and hear topical speakers including Ministers.
- Promotion via our social media channels to support key messages and campaigns, e.g. National Apprenticeship Week; and showcasing your role, as both a significant employer and Apprenticeship Ambassador

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## **Become an Apprenticeship Ambassador**

The apprenticeship reforms have encouraged lots of new and exciting businesses and sectors to be more actively involved in apprenticeships. We want our refreshed ambassador network to reflect this dynamic.

If you are interested in joining as an Ambassador, please contact: <u>AAN.CHAIR@education.gov.uk</u>

### For more information visit:

<u>Apprenticeship Ambassador Network</u> (apprenticeships.gov.uk)



Laura Kedward, L&D Business Partner for EMR Metal Recycling and Regional Ambassador Chair of the North West AAN says:

'I am delighted that you are learning more about us and hopefully are thinking about becoming an apprenticeship ambassador for the North West. Our network has welcomed members from all sectors and sizes of organisations, connecting our differences through a passion to inspire and encourage others to engage with apprenticeship programmes. You will find many who will be happy to support you and your organisation's journey, sharing their expertise and learning from you in return'.

'This document should answer most of your initial questions, but if not, I would invite you to speak with me directly either through our virtual platforms or if local to Warrington, over a cup of tea'.

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