

Opportunities for All Aberdeenshire



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Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship in the RAF offers you the chance to gain a UK-recognised trade qualification as part of a challenging and unique career. Not only will you gain a civilian recognised professional qualification, but upon completion you'll also have a job in your chosen field. The RAF offer all kinds of apprenticeships in a broad and diverse range of careers with opportunities available in:

- **Engineering**
- **Logistics**
- **Policing and Security**
- **Air Operations Support**
- **Force Protection**
- **Communications & Intelligence**
- **Personnel Support**

Benefits

Individuals complete their apprenticeships through a mix of formal instruction and on the job experience. They receive regular army rates of pay which starts at over £17k and increases with experience and promotion. In addition members of the RAF benefit from subsidised food and accommodation and free access to first class health care, fitness and sporting facilities.

Age

16 to 30 on day of entry.

Gender

Apprenticeship are available to both male and female applicants.

Qualification requirements:

Each trade is different with many requiring only low level academic qualifications. Applicants should confirm specific requirements for their desired apprenticeship on the following website

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/how-to-apply/application-process/>

the Armed Forces. Applications are submitted on line at <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/how-to-apply/application-process/>



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Are you interested or considering a career in the forces/reserves?

Are you interested in getting a trade or long term career?

Did you know there are over 200 different careers available via the forces?

Do you want to know what the recruitment process entails and what eligibility conditions there are?

This is your chance to find out.

Come along to Fraserburgh Jobcentre on Thursday 9/6/16 between 10am & 3pm and speak to Army representatives

OPEN DOORS

Marischal Square – Free site visits hosted by Morgan Sindall

**MORGAN
SINDALL**
CONSTRUCTION
INFRASTRUCTURE

Book now for tour of new Marischal Square development and for information on future careers and job opportunities in Construction

BuildUK's 'Open Doors: Get into Construction' event is scheduled for June 2016. Morgan Sindall currently have several slots for site visits to the new Marischal Square development for teachers, pupils, parents and, indeed, anyone interested in construction. There are 5 slots for up to 10 people in total over 2 days and the site tours will last around 45 minutes.

Please can you cascade this information and the web-link to any interested parties where they can book slots for either **Friday 17th June or Saturday 18th June**. <http://opendoors.construction/#find-a-site>

Currently Morgan Sindall have 5 slots for 10 people as follows:

Friday 17th: 0930-1020/1100-1150/1400-1450

Saturday 18th: 0930-1020/1100-1150

There are still plenty of places available on all except the Fri at 11am which only has a few left. The closing date for booking is Friday 10th June. Apply now!

Opito Industry Awareness Events



21st-23rd June 2016, with supporting companies including ABB, Aker Solutions, BP, Conoco Phillips, Enermech, Maersk Training, Proserv, Sparrows, Statoil, Stork and TOTAL.

Are you 16 or over, still at school and looking for a unique experience to expand your knowledge of the industry? This is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience and explore the innovative world of oil and gas.

There are lots of exciting, interactive activities planned for our June event including:

- Drilling simulator
- Firefighting safety
- Survival training
- Workshop/ company tours
- Meet graduates and apprentices
- Interactive tour of an oil rig
- SMART room
- Crisis response session
- Engineering challenge
- Introduction to subsea
- Field development proposal project
- Heavy oil challenge
- Team building exercises
- Commercial overview
- Networking with industry professionals

What to expect:

Pupils will be expected to make their own way to a centralised meeting point in Aberdeen City Centre each morning and will then be transported to their designated industry visits. Lunch is provided throughout the three day programme and at the end of each day pupils will be dropped at the same central meeting point. The Industry Awareness programme will run in conjunction with school hours.

Interested in attending our June 2016 programme? Fill out our form below to apply.

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To apply - please visit <http://www.opito.com/content/industry-awareness-events?platform=hootsuite>



Working Rite placement with AFC Community trust

16-18? Fancy a career in sports coaching? Then AFC and WorkingRite have got an amazing opportunity for you!

There's a work placement available with AFC Community Trust – using sport to get the community fit and active. 4 WorkingRite trainees have already got jobs with Aberdeen Football Club as a result of this programme, and they have really enjoyed learning on-the-job.

If you're not in education, employment or training and are keen to get started in the world of work, get in contact with WorkingRite now – ewan@workingrite.co.uk 01224 423088



Facing redundancy in the oil and gas industry?

Come along to our Employment Support Event at Sir Ian Wood building, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, AB10 7QB on Wednesday 22 June, 10am - 3pm.

About PACE

The Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) is the Scottish Government's initiative dedicated to helping individuals and employers with the advice and support they need when faced with redundancy.

About the event

Wednesday 22 June, 10am - 3pm,
Sir Ian Wood Building, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen

At the event you can get free, impartial advice to help you:

- take stock and consider your options
- understand your rights
- write CVs and prepare for interviews
- look for jobs
- identify training opportunities via the Transition Training Fund
- make the most of your money
- meet potential employers

The event has a focus on the oil and gas industry but is open to all. Visit redundancyscotland.co.uk to find out more and sign up for your free place. Call **0800 917 8000** for more information.



theguardianjobs

Looking for Careers advice, employment, and courses - then 'the guardian jobs' website may be for you!

<https://jobs.theguardian.com/>

Guardian Jobs STAR technique template

[Click here to download our STAR technique template](#)

For further advice on using the STAR technique to prepare for [interview questions](#), read our article: [Guardian Jobs advice on how to use the STAR technique in an interview](#).

You could also watch our video on [how to answer the ten most common interview questions](#).

Let's get online

The Lets Get Online campaign is underway and we have an opportunity to support claimants with a range of skills to Get Online throughout June and July. This is a Scottish Government supported campaign and you may have already seen the adverts on television.

There are events within JC offices in addition to a range of events across Scotland. For events in your area click the link [Lets Get Online](#)



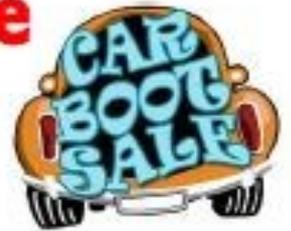
FLY CUP



FETE

Saturday 11th June

10.00 — 2.00



Burghmuir Circle (behind Morrison's)

Car Boot Sale

Fun stalls

FC bakes

Craft stalls

Raffles

Stocks

**Handbags and
Glad Rags**

Morning Coffee

Afternoon Tea

AND MUCH MORE



To book your stall (£10.00) call us NOW!

on 01467 625645



HOLYROOD

SCOTLAND'S AWARD-WINNING CURRENT AFFAIRS MAGAZINE

Skills and enterprise agencies to be reviewed, Economy Secretary Keith Brown pledges

“The roles of Skills Development Scotland, the Scottish Funding Council and Scottish Enterprise are to be reviewed as a part of the Scottish Government’s new approach to the economy, the new Economy Secretary Keith Brown has announced.

The review will be led by Brown himself.”

Full article:

<https://www.holyrood.com/articles/news/skills-and-enterprise-agencies-be-reviewed-economy-secretary-keith-brown-pledges>

CITB and ASET International Oil & Gas Training Academy (ASET) have signed a deal to build the first scaffolding training centre in the North East of Scotland.

The state-of-the-art facility, based in Aberdeen, will train and upskill the Scottish work force and benefit both the construction and oil and gas industries.

Work on the new building has already begun, and CITB will now work with ASET to get the training centre operational for the first intake of apprentices and trainees by the end of the year.

CITB commissioned the facility due to increasing demand for scaffolders and insufficient training in the region. ASET was named as preferred bidder in November 2015 and will now lead the project to completion.

<http://www.citb.co.uk/news-events/scotland/citb-signs-scaffolding-training-contract-with-aset-training-academy/>



Adult Learning Survey in Inverurie/Huntly/Peterhead/Westhill/Alford



Aberdeenshire Life have just released a survey to engage with five of its Communities to identify interests in Adult Learning Classes. If you live in the above areas please take time to complete the Adult Learning Survey and share the link throughout your Community on Facebook and encourage your friends and families to complete this. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AberdeenshireLife>

Life is for Learning & Learning is for Life.....

Learning is for everyone and goes on throughout our lifetime, it can be fun, inspirational and challenging - having the right opportunities in your area, opens doors to step out and gain new skills, expand your abilities, meet new people and can transform your life.

Some of these interests could be - upholstery, computing/internet, languages, fitness, photography, calligraphy, creative writing, cookery/baking, dance, table tennis, family history/tree, painting and drawing etc



Hopefully some of these have sparked you into thinking of other activities you would like to participate in - possibly an old interest being rekindled or a totally new one that you have never tried before. If it has or if you're slightly interested why not complete our Adult Learning Survey to identify interests in your area so that classes can be started up there (the more people who complete the survey and can identify interests in classes the more opportunity there will be to establish new classes and meet the needs you're Community).

Classes normally run from late Aug early Sept through to April or summer the following year and are held in various locations within your community.

Please share this link throughout your Community on Facebook and encourage your friends and families to complete it. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AberdeenshireLife>

If you would like a paper copy please ask for one in your local Library.

The survey has been compiled by Aberdeenshire Council Leisure Learning, for further information please contact Leslie Murison 07795252445 or leslie.murison@aberdeenshire.gov.uk



The Opportunities for All team would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our readers and contributors to our fortnightly newsletter.

Date of next issue — 29th June 2016 (please note change of date)

Due to annual leave and the upcoming summer break for schools we will be having a newsletter break until 17th August 2016. During this time all opportunities, vacancies and information will be uploaded onto our Facebook page as normal.

If you have any information/ news that you would like to add to the Newsletter/Facebook Page please send your information to:

OpportunitiesforAll@aberdeenshire.gov.uk