

Siemens welcomes record number of apprentices

Siemens has announced that its intake of UK apprentices has increased year on year. The overall number of apprentices at Siemens exceeds 400.

As a major engineering employer in the UK, with over 14,000 employees and a longstanding and highly successful apprenticeship scheme, there is little doubt that apprenticeships deliver value for Siemens. The number of new UK apprentices at the firm is now higher than that of graduates.

Siemens has created around 130 more places this year across its four sectors; Energy, Industry, Healthcare and Infrastructure and Cities. These much prized places include Higher Apprenticeships in Railway Automation, and the pioneering Apprenticeship in Wind Power.

The Higher Apprenticeship programme adds to Siemens already extensive apprenticeship offering. Targeting school leavers with A-levels, Higher Apprenticeships offer a viable and affordable alternative to university, and the opportunity to progress onto Bachelor of Engineering courses.

Siemens is one of the UK's leading apprenticeship employers. Competition is tough for this much prized programme and the new apprentices have already gone through an intensive recruitment process to be awarded a Siemens apprenticeship.

- Siemens is ranked amongst the Top 100 Apprenticeship employers
- 130 new apprenticeship places this year across four sectors in the UK
- Investing in Higher Apprenticeships and Renewable Apprenticeships
- University Technical Colleges remain high on Siemens vocational agenda
- Twelve UK apprentices are training in Germany as part of the Europeans at Siemens 2013 scheme
- New STEM initiatives with schools – launch of the Siemens Education Portal

Martin Hottass, Manager, Skills and Learning Governance at Siemens plc said: “Engineering is a key part of the UK’s industrial strategy and continuing to invest in and attract engineering talent is a top priority for Siemens as a leading UK employer.

“Siemens invests heavily in skills and training in the UK and apprenticeships are at the heart of our approach. Apprenticeships represent a highly effective and sustainable way to nurture engineering talent in the long-term, with huge benefits for the economy, business and employee.”

Sir William Siemens himself, who founded Siemens in the UK 170 years ago, progressed from the shop floor to the top floor, having started his career as an apprentice.

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