

## ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

# Carbon-free future agenda boosted by 10 apprenticeships provided by Y Prentis



**OPPORTUNITIES:** Apprenticeships within the Monmouthshire area have become available

ACCELERATED plumbing and electrical low carbon apprenticeship programme funding, provided by Monmouthshire County Council, has successfully been secured by Y Prentis.

The aim is to bridge the skills shortage in the local construction industry by providing 10 accelerated apprenticeships.

The focus of the apprenticeship programme will be to develop talent in the installation of technological solutions for the reduction of carbon in new buildings, and the retrofitting of existing buildings.

This will include new alternative technologies, such as air and ground source heat pumps, solar, thermal, and other renewables that reduce energy and carbon emissions.

The programme will supply 10 plumbing and electrical learners, living in the Monmouthshire area, with rigorous extensive onsite practical experience, providing an opportunity to apply knowledge gained from the FE construction courses and academic learning provided.

Providing practical experience

will create a new generation of workers who can build on their theoretical knowledge and improve their ability to work proactively and pragmatically.

Once qualified, the apprentices will be able to utilise the new technological skills they have gained through this programme, with their new employers, who will benefit from the future skills gained.

Y Prentis, the first Welsh apprenticeship company to be awarded a Platinum accreditation by Investors in People earlier this year, will deliver the activities using a collaborative approach in partnership with Coleg Gwent, local employment support agencies, Monmouthshire County Council employment teams, and partner host clients and contractors.

Y Prentis has already secured placements with partner host contractors for some of the apprenticeships, and is welcoming other contractors with plumbing and electrical projects within the Monmouthshire area to contact its assistant programme manager, Nicola Murray, for an

opportunity to form part of this pioneering project.

Y Prentis will also be the lead and co-ordinate the programme of learning with the college assessors, trainers, and support staff.

In addition, local community venues and services will be used to deliver training sessions and supply goods and services for the activities.

Suitable candidates will be selected and supported throughout their apprenticeship by Y Prentis.

All Plumbing and Electrical learners, who have already obtained their Level 2 Diploma and are currently residing within the Monmouthshire area, are invited to complete an Expression of Interest Form, available at [www.yprentis.co.uk](http://www.yprentis.co.uk) to register their interest.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an 'Apprentice Recruitment Day' on December 7 2021, at Coleg Gwent Nash Campus.

Y Prentis will supply a full briefing on the accelerated apprenticeships, followed by face-to-face interviews throughout the day.

Successful candidates must be available to start their apprenticeship early in January 2022.

Alongside the on-site experience, apprentices will attend a suite of workshops, to include, health and safety, CSCS, and technical courses on the latest technology.

By using the shared apprenticeship model, Y Prentis will deliver apprenticeship opportunities which would not happen by utilising the traditional apprenticeship approach.

By pooling shorter-term work opportunities and providing apprentices with a varied experience with a wide range of host contractors, Y Prentis and its partners will deliver sustainable apprenticeships which add value and address a failure in the market.

Y Prentis programme manager Darryl Williams, said: "Our vision for the programme is to provide a future needs-centred suite of training and experiences that can be bespoke to developing confident, site-ready workers.

"By building a network of industry and community

partners we will ensure we reach the right demographic of people to benefit from the opportunity, while at the same time ensuring that the immediate needs of industry are met."

The programme will actively support Construction Diploma students and technical learners looking to become 'site-ready' through completing their National Vocational Qualification and apprenticeship framework in plumbing and electrical.

On completion of their apprenticeship, the apprentices will be supported into employment through CV and interview support, in addition to signposting them to contractors through their partner network.

● Anyone wanting more information regarding the apprenticeship opportunities, or who may have placement opportunities for the apprentices, are requested in the first instance to either email Y Prentis on [enquiries@yprentis.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@yprentis.co.uk) or call the team on 0800 975 3147.