

Welcome to



**A one stop shop  
for Apprenticeships,  
education and  
training.**

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# Let us help you!

ConnectED brings together the expertise of Bolton College, Alliance Learning and the University of Bolton to provide a one stop shop for Apprenticeships, education and training.

Our dedicated engagement team will visit you to complete a thorough Training Needs Analysis to establish your organisational skills gaps, and plan for training, succession planning and progression opportunities for your staff, to allow your business to grow.

**50**  
years delivering  
Apprenticeships



## What does ConnectED do?

ConnectED will enable individuals, businesses and communities within the region to realise their potential. Through our unique offer of Apprenticeships, education and training from entry level to degrees at level 7, we will ensure that learners reach their full potential. We will provide a quality return on investment for employers, which will safeguard and provide a skilled workforce for today and the future, ensuring highly-effective succession planning. A dedicated account manager will be assigned to look after your needs.

“Thanks to the Apprenticeship, I was head-hunted by the award-winning John-Lee Guy Salon.”

**BETH MCGLINN**

**Hairdressing Apprenticeship Level 2**  
John-Lee Guy Salon

*Nominated for the National Apprenticeship Awards 2018*

*Apprentice of the Year Finalist Bolton Business Awards 2018*

## Who are the partners within ConnectED?



**Bolton College** is an Ofsted grade 2 provider and is one of the North West's largest providers of vocational training and further education for school leavers, adults and employers. Our experienced tutors and professional network of support enables us to improve the employability of our students, equipping the workforce of the future. We work with employers throughout the North West, delivering over 50 Apprenticeship programmes across 20 industry areas. In College, students learn in modern facilities and benefit from the experience of industry-trained tutors, giving them the building blocks for a rewarding career. On the 1st August 2018 we merged with the University of Bolton, providing clear progression pathways and aspirational opportunities for our learners.



**Alliance Learning** is an Ofsted grade 2, IIP, Matrix accredited independent training provider based in Bolton and has been delivering Apprenticeships for over 50 years. Alliance Learning are a not-for-profit organisation and a registered charity, continuing to invest in their facilities and staff to ensure the highest quality training. They operate an Apprenticeship and commercial training provision. Annually, Alliance Learning train over 600 apprentices on Level 2 - Level 5 qualifications, as well as over 6,000 individuals to gain vital skills to take back to the workplace.



The **University of Bolton** is a teaching intensive, research informed Higher Education institute that has over 190 years of delivery experience. The University is an Ofsted grade 2 provider, which has recently been awarded a silver rating in the Teaching Excellence Framework and is capable of providing industry focused Apprenticeships, right from Level 5 to Master's Level, that will help develop the individual and provide a market advantage to your business.

**ConnectED prides itself on recruiting with integrity**, and recognises that safeguarding long-term success starts by matching the right learners to the right programme of study. ConnectED can support employers by undertaking a training needs analysis of the business to identify Level 2 through degree, post-grad, and masters (level 7) Apprenticeship programmes, whilst offering a key account approach to supporting and maximising the Levy spend. Concurrently, we will work with employers to co-create and design the delivery plan based on the specific programme.



# Why choose ConnectED

ConnectED offers a flexible approach to formal delivery. We have excellent learning facilities at our campuses. These are accessible by train, bus and car and will be in an acceptable distance of each of the employers' premises. Planning for the delivery will be completed jointly, to ensure flexibility whilst making sure employers' staff are well supported and business continuity is not affected. Workshops can also be delivered on-site, should these facilities better suit the needs of the apprentices and employers. We also offer the option of bespoke blended learning inclusive of online training materials relevant to sector delivery. An ePortfolio platform allows 24-hour access to learning resources, tutor contact and a bespoke virtual learning environment. Mentors and managers will be given access to allow them to track and monitor Apprenticeship progress.

**24** -hour  
access to learning  
resources



## Added-value

ConnectED offers value added training to further complement and exceed the requirements of the Apprenticeship standard. This may include the offer of accredited first aid training, attendance at seminars, mental health & wellbeing and relevant health & safety courses\*. Should there be any further continued professional development requirements, ConnectED will source and deliver these as part of the planning process. There will also be an opportunity for staff not on the Apprenticeship programme to access guest lectures and attendance at relevant training days. This will be certificated for those staff.

## Off the Job Training (OJT)

Off the Job Training is compulsory for every apprentice and this is personalised based on their total number of working hours and model type adopted. There is a minimum requirement for all apprentices to complete at least 20% off the job training. This varies between Apprenticeship standards. The OJT time will be planned with the apprentice's mentor to ensure that there is a wide range of training to cement the learner's knowledge to support achievement. The ConnectED group will provide off the job training at a central location suitable for the apprentice and employer.



"I'm learning from the highly skilled tradespeople I'm training alongside. I'm hoping to continue my Apprenticeship to Level 3 so I'm more knowledgeable and employable in the future."

**ZAK PERCIVAL**

**Carpentry & Joinery Apprenticeship Level 2**  
Alfa Joinery Ltd



"Valeria has spent the week shadowing one of our Personal Trainers and helping out in classes, on inductions and at personal training sessions. We hope the experience gives students an insight into the gym industry, develops their careers and gives them an insight into working in the real-world."

**CHRIS GREEN**

The Gym

## English and Maths provision (if applicable)

ConnectED strives to ensure that all Apprentices have the best possible chance to succeed, where English and maths are required, we ensure that these skills are developed early to increase confidence to equip them with the foundation in which to build occupational currency. For some higher-level programmes, English and maths are required prior to being accepted onto the Apprenticeship. Delivery of English and maths will be flexible based on individual needs. Additionally, apprentices will develop English and maths skills relevant to their everyday role and this will be highlighted and reviewed regularly.

\*These may be included within the delivery at no extra costs.

# We have helped thousands of people develop and improve their career prospects.



“A large number of our senior team and managers started life as apprentices and on the shop floor, which shows the benefits that come from ‘growing’ our own talent and future workforce. Our apprentices learn specific skills from day one, developing specialist knowledge that enables us to build a dedicated and loyal workforce for the future.”

**CERI TRAVERS**

William Hare Ltd



“Alliance Learning have proved consistently adept at identifying ideal business administration apprentices and have become our learning provider of choice. We have used them since the launch of our business in 2010 and have found the apprentices to be enthusiastic, capable additions to our team. We have had over 10 apprentices who meet the high standard we require in our niche market of multi utility connections. A number have gone on to specialise in key areas to shape the business for the future. As we grow we will continue to look to Alliance Learning to carry on the excellent work.”

**NATASHA CLARKE**

Support Services Director | Aptus Utilities



“I’m earning a wage while understanding the whole company. I’m receiving full training and gaining qualifications too.”

**JOHN BROWN**

Customer Service Apprenticeship Level 2  
Parcel2Go



“I like getting in there and grafting so the building trade suits me. Once you’ve got a trade behind you, you have a job for life and the money’s good too.”

**LUKE FOSTER**

Plastering Apprenticeship Level 2  
Chabell Plastering Services

## Employers

ConnectED currently offers the following Apprenticeship sectors from Level 2 to Level 7.

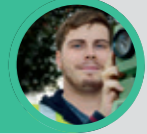
Accountancy



Business & Professional Services



Construction (including Civil Engineering)



Digital & Technology Solutions



Education



Engineering



Hairdressing



Health



Leadership & Management  
(Level 3 to Level 7 Degree Apprenticeships)



Motor Vehicle



Sport



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## Apprentices






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