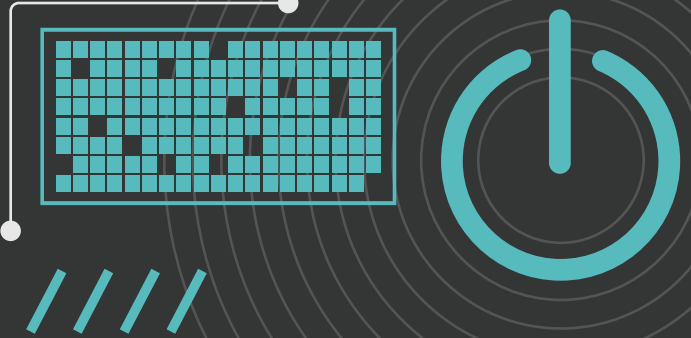# DIGITAL APPRENTICESHIPS
CALDERDALE

If you think learning whilst working would suit you, then an apprenticeship could be for you.

An apprenticeship is a job with training, open to anyone over the age of 16. Apprentices work alongside experienced staff, earn a wage and get paid time off to learn the things they need to do their job. This leaflet is about digital apprenticeships in Calderdale. This is because employers say they are struggling to find people with the digital skills they need.

JOB IDEAS

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Apprenticeships are available at different levels. Level 3 is equivalent to A levels, and levels 6 and 7 are degree level and higher. The level you do depends on the job you want to do, and on your qualifications and experience.

LEVEL 3 ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIPS

Content creator
Cyber security technician
Digital device repair technician
Digital support technician
IT solutions technician
Network cable installer
Production assistant
Radio network technician

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
5 GCSE grades 9-4 (A*-C) including English and maths, may be required.

LEVELS 4 AND 5 HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

Audiovisual technician
Data engineer
DevOps engineer
Digital forensic technician
Digital product manager
Junior animator
Network engineer
Software tester

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 3 qualifications may be required, plus related work experience.

LEVELS 6 AND 7 HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

AI data specialist
Creative digital design professional
Data scientist
Digital UX professional
Game programmer
Outside broadcasting engineer
Spatial data specialist
VFX supervisor

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 3 qualifications are likely to be required, plus related work experience.

Employers say some of the most in-demand digital skills are artificial intelligence (AI), IT support and troubleshooting, and cyber security.

In 2023/24 in England, over 27,000 people started an ICT apprenticeship.

In 2023/24, some of the digital apprenticeships with the most starts were data analyst (6,750 starts), data technician (6,160 starts) and information communications technician (3,090 starts).

In 2023/24 in West Yorkshire, over 1,100 people started an ICT apprenticeship.

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HOW TO FIND A DIGITAL APPRENTICESHIP

It's likely you'll have to use more than one way to find a digital apprenticeship. Here are some ideas:

USE WEBSITES

Use apprenticeship vacancy websites
www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
www.ucas.com/apprenticeships

Search on job vacancy websites
www.totaljobs.com
https://uk.indeed.com
www.reed.co.uk
www.monster.co.uk

IDENTIFY LOCAL COMPANIES

Use www.thomsonlocal.com or www.yell.com to identify local IT companies. Send them a speculative cover letter and CV asking about vacancies.

CHECK OUT VACANCIES

Check out the **'careers'** or **'vacancies'** sections on company websites and on their social media platforms.
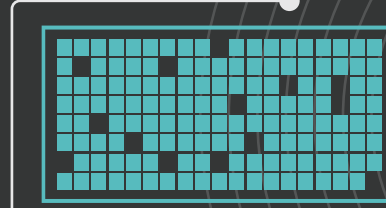
SPEAK TO PEOPLE

Ask friends, neighbours and relatives if they know of vacancies where they work.

MORE INFORMATION

www.apprenticeships.gov.uk for general information about apprenticeships, including extra support you can get.

https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers for information about hundreds of different jobs.

DEVELOPING YOUR DIGITAL SKILLS ✕

If you're applying for digital apprenticeships, it's a good idea to have some relevant experience and skills. Ideas of things you could do include:

> Ask friends and family or use **www.yell.com** to identify companies to contact about work experience.

> Keep up to date with the latest technology. YouTube tutorials are available in a wide range of digital subjects.

> Learn coding or app developer skills through websites such as **https://arcade.makecode.com**

> Do some programming, content creation or web design and build up a portfolio of work that you can talk about when applying for apprenticeships.

> Look for digital-related voluntary work at **https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/jobs/volunteering** and **www.vsialliance.org.uk**

DIGITAL APPRENTICESHIPS IN CALDERDALE

Schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, banks, energy and utility companies, as well as specialist IT firms, all employ people to do digital jobs. Employers in Calderdale that have advertised digital apprenticeship vacancies in the past include:

Calder IT Ltd • Calderdale Council • Covea Insurance CP Media Ltd • Direct Data Systems Ltd • DNA Financial Solutions • Heights UK Ltd • Holiday Hamster Ltd Roche Audio Visual • YES Energy Solutions Yorkshire Payments