

Back2Business@WeymouthCollege - Business Update 1

Information, analysis and business support across Dorset



So what is Kickstart?

The Government have invested £2 billion in the newly launched Kickstart Scheme to support the creation of hundreds of high quality 6 month work placements for young people aged between 16-24 who are currently claiming Universal Credit and are actively looking for work.

The Kickstart Scheme recognises that young people are the key to business and economic regrowth and aims to put them at the heart of business recovery by creating opportunities for those that have had limited work experience and that have been most impacted by the Covid-19 crisis.

- The funding available for each job will cover 100% of the relevant National Minimum Wage for 25 hours a week, associated employer National Insurance contributions and employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions.
- Employers can claim a £1500 grant through the scheme to help set up the job placement and offer 'wrap around training' to improve employability skills, offer pastoral care and support long term career prospects.
- Employers from all industries and sectors - private, public and voluntary - can get involved in this national effort to support young people into employment, give them confidence and work skills and help them to become fully employed.

To apply directly to the scheme, employers must be able to commit to a minimum of 30 job placements, presenting a significant barrier for SMEs.

However - the DWP have advised that if as a company you are creating fewer than 30 job placements, a Kickstart gateway can act on your behalf and apply for a Kickstart Scheme grant for you.

Introducing - Weymouth College Kickstart Gateway

Weymouth College has applied to the DWP to be recognised as a Kickstart Gateway - an intermediary provider supporting local Dorset companies keen to explore the scheme but looking to offer less than 30 placements.

We will work with you to complete the scheme application process and offer support as you recruit for each placement.

Weymouth College Kickstart Gateway will also offer a bespoke and comprehensive training package to fulfil the Kickstart scheme training requirements.

For more information on the Kickstart Scheme - how it can work for you, our training package options and our gateway support service (working with you to successfully access Kickstart Scheme funding) - contact us now - click here or simply email employerservices@weymouth.ac.uk

Weymouth College Kickstart Gateway are looking to work with local employers to support the creation of an initial cohort of 30 'new job' work placements supported by the Kickstart scheme here in Dorset.

"YOU said...

- In response to feedback from Weymouth & Portland Chamber of Commerce, Weymouth BID, local recruitment agencies and the DWP - Weymouth College has applied to the DWP to be recognised as a Kickstart Gateway, giving local businesses the opportunity to access the Government Kickstart scheme and associated grants.
- As requested by local businesses, Weymouth College's Employer Services team will be hosting sector specific Employer Advisory Groups later this year to support our employers with the current additional pressures they are facing.

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For more information please contact the team



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