

HS2 announces hundreds more apprenticeship jobs

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HS2's commitment to creating 'Skills for Life' – the theme for this year's National Apprenticeship Week – was reinforced today (6 February) as it confirmed 300 more **apprenticeship jobs** will be created.

Over 1,100 people, of all ages and backgrounds, have already secured an HS2 apprenticeship and are on track to boost their career. Today's announcement, confirming 300 more jobs, puts HS2 within reach of its 2,000 apprenticeships target before civils works even begin on the northern extension of the network.

Rail Minister Huw Merriman said: "With over 1,100 people already securing apprenticeships through HS2's incredible programme, this project is once again demonstrating how its benefits go far beyond improving connectivity.

"As HS2 heads towards its target of 2,000 apprenticeships, it's playing a vital role in ensuring a career in rail is accessible to all, regardless of their background. I would urge anyone looking for a new challenge to consider one of these varied roles."

80 apprenticeship jobs go live this week, with more to follow in the weeks ahead, as HS2 expands the

nearly 30,000 strong workforce designing and building the new high speed network between London, the Midlands and Manchester.

The first round of jobs to be advertised include opportunities at HS2 Ltd within its procurement, project management, HR, IT and land and property teams. HS2's construction partners, and companies in the wider supply chain, are also recruiting for over 50 new roles and seeking applicants with an interest in tunnelling, civil engineering, stakeholder engagement, scaffolding and plant operations.

Natalie Penrose, Head of Legacy at HS2 said: "HS2 is launching its biggest ever apprenticeship recruitment drive and I'd encourage anyone, whether starting out in their career, or looking for a complete change of direction, to take a look at what we can offer.

"The ability to earn and learn means it's never too late to pursue a different profession, and with opportunities in over 30 different subject areas, there really is something for everyone."

HS2 has teamed up with colleges and universities right across the country to ensure apprentices benefit from a high standard of education and training in their chosen subject area. Their learning is enhanced through hands-on work experience in HS2's headquarters, satellite offices and 350 live construction sites where they work alongside and learn from some of the very best in the industry.

Apprenticeships enable HS2 to invest in a workforce that will learn, grow and develop throughout its two-decade construction programme.

For more information on all the live vacancies and details of how to apply, visit hs2.org.uk/careers

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