

TransPennine Express apprenticeship scheme seeks railway stars of the future

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TransPennine Express (TPE) is searching for the next generation of railway superstars and believes its apprenticeship scheme holds the key to unlocking hidden gems in the region.

The train company, which operates services across the North and into Scotland, has four new apprenticeships available in its Business Development, IT, Performance and Service Planning departments, with the successful applicants guaranteed a two-opportunity to experience a career in rail.

And, as well as experiencing all that rail has to offer, the apprentices will also gain a professional qualification and achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award as part of the scheme.

Becky Jones, Talent and Apprenticeship Manager for TransPennine Express said: “We’re looking for the industry’s stars of the future and there has never been a better time to get on-board with our apprenticeship scheme.

“Our mission is to deliver the best possible service for our customers and to connect the communities we serve, and we expect our apprentices to get stuck in and help us achieve this. We want enthusiastic,

customer-focussed people who are keen to learn and work in a fast-paced, varied industry. In return we'll provide a fantastic introduction to rail and all the skills needed to carve out a fabulous career."

One future star who has been doing just that is Shannon Pilkington, who joined TPE with 13 other apprentices as part of the 2021 intake.

Shannon, who has recently secured a permanent position in the Control Team said: "Completing an apprenticeship is the best decision I've ever made, and I would highly recommend it to anyone wanting to go into the rail industry.

"It sets you up for your railway career and it's the best way to learn, especially with TPE because you're able to experience learning from various departments so you're going to have some great knowledge when you start a full-time role."

Anyone interested in applying for the apprenticeship scheme needs to be quick though as the closing date for applications is Monday 16 May 2022. Applications can be made online at: firstgroupcareers.com/talentpool/interested-in-our-2022-transpennine-express-apprenticeship-opportunities/36/description

More information on the apprenticeship scheme can be found via the TPE website: tpexpress.co.uk/about-us/apprenticeships