

EMPLOYER FOCUS

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Services for Young People - Connexions, Education Welfare and the Youth Service.
Working together to help young people reach their full potential

NEW MINIMUM WAGE RATES FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2008

AGE 16/17	£3.53 per hour
AGE 18—21	£4.77 per hour
AGE 22 and over	£5.73 per hour

Note that the Minimum Wage for Apprentices will go up from the current £80 per week to £95 per week with effect from 1st August 2009.

However it is still recommended that Apprentices who do not qualify for the minimum wage receive at least the Lower Earning limit for the tax year 2008/2009 which is currently £90 a week.



JOBS FAIR

Connexions in partnership with Jobcentre Plus and Stockport Council organised and hosted a Jobs Fair at Stockport Town Hall on Friday 12 September 2008. The Lord Mayor, Councillor Pam King opened the Jobs Fair. The event was extremely successful. Over thirty local employers attended, offering a variety of jobs, both permanent and temporary. The event was also attended by several Training Providers offering information and advice on local training provision.

Over 1,400 jobseekers attended the event and this included over 300+ young people aged 16—18.

If you would be interested in representing your company at any future events please telephone Norma Yates on (0161) 475 7703 to register your interest.

The Lord Mayor Pam King opens the Stockport Jobs Fair



From left—right: Lord Mayor Pam King, Councillor Kevin Hogg, Norma Yates (Connexions), Julie Price (Jobcentre Plus), Jeanette Hughes (Jobcentre Plus)

TEMPORARY JOBS

Due to the economic climate more young people have stayed in education this year and therefore it is likely that more young people will be looking for work during the holiday periods.

If your company has any temporary/seasonal vacancies now or in the near future and would like to advertise them **FREE OF CHARGE** with Connexions, please telephone Norma Yates on (0161) 475 7703 or email norma.yates@connexions-stockport.co.uk

Besides a **free vacancy advertising service**, we can help you with most employment related issues or refer you to an organisation who can.

We can also offer you information and advice on developing your workforce.

If you have a vacancy to advertise with us, please complete the vacancy pro-forma overleaf and post/fax or e-mail it to us or simply pick up the phone and talk to us about it!

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