



FAO: NORTH OXFORDSHIRE EMPLOYERS

VIA EMAIL

20 May 2021

I am writing to you as a key employer in North Oxfordshire to ask if you can join us in helping to tackle youth unemployment as we come out of the pandemic by employing some young people under the Government's Kickstart scheme.

Under Kickstart if an employer takes on a young person aged 18-24, the Government will pay their salary for 25 hours work each week at the national minimum wage for 6 months. The positions created must be additional to your current recruitment requirements and employers are asked to help with employability support. Funding and advice is available to ensure that this is not a burden to your business.

We know from recessions in the past that it is our young people who are hit the hardest in the labour market. Sadly, in some cases this can lead to long term unemployment. During the pandemic and even as we come out of it, the opportunities for young people to secure employment have been greatly reduced. Kickstart is an innovative way to give young people the vital start in the world of work they need while also helping your business.

Further details are enclosed with this letter. If would like to know more or think that you could help please either contact bbo.kickstartteam@dwp.gov.uk or let me know and I will put you in touch with the right person from Jobcentre Plus who will be very happy to help.

I know how much our businesses contribute already to the local economy and community. I really hope that you will consider getting behind the Kickstart scheme to help give young people the start they need during this challenging time.

Finally, if you would like me to visit your business or arrange a virtual meeting, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via victoria.prentis.mp@parliament.uk. I am always keen to get out and about and meet our local employers, particularly as we emerge from the pandemic.

Yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria Prentis".

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