

What you need to know before the Traineeship procurement?

Karen Kelly and Anna Sutton

Senior Associates

Strategic Development Network

strategicdevelopmentnetwork.co.uk

Welcome



Webinar structure

- Introductions
- What is a Traineeship
- Employer and trainee perspectives
- Developing a Traineeship Programme
- Funding and procurement
- Next steps / close

Introductions



Speaker / Facilitator



Karen Kelly
SDN Senior Associate

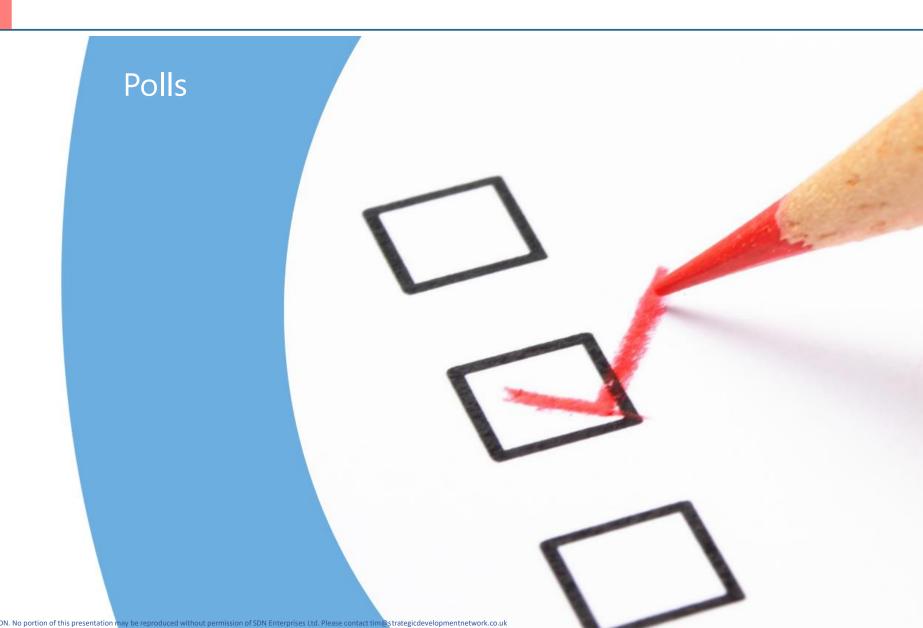
Speaker / Facilitator



Anna SuttonSDN Senior Associate

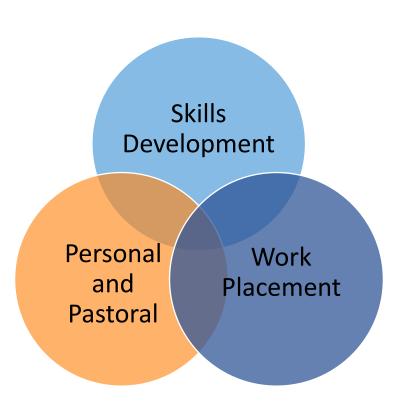
SDN

Getting to know you - polls



What is a Traineeship?





- For 16-24yr olds or 25yr olds with an EHCP
- For those who have little or no work experience but are motivated to work
- 6 weeks to 1 year in duration*
- A minimum of 70* hours work experience
- Young person
 - must be eligible to work in England
 - can have previously attained level 3*
- Flexible and can be sector focussed
- Can add value to your apprenticeship offer

*New announcements along with employer funding incentive



Employer perspective

Opportunities

- to access a flexible entry level programme specific to the business
- to streamline recruitment processes through progression routes into and within their organisation / succession planning
- to develop a loyal, talented and more diverse workforce
- for current employees to gain experience in training and mentoring
- to support employers tackle youth unemployment and skills shortages
- to get a good measure of the trainee prior to employment



Employer perspective - continued

Challenges

Can the employer commit to:

- investment in time to plan and maximise the opportunities?
- investment in relationship building with training providers?
- staff time to induct, supervise, mentor and give feedback?
- cost of resources for work experience, equipment, tools, uniform, PPE?

Incentives can be used to support any of these - £1000 per trainee up to a maximum of 10 learners for new or expanding employers.



Trainee perspective

Opportunities

- Help to get prepare for an apprenticeship or job where they don't have the appropriate skills or experience
 - Work preparation training including CV writing, interview skills and what to expect in the workplace
 - Support to improve their English, maths and digital skills (if needed)
 - Sector focussed vocational learning and / or qualifications
- A high-quality work placement of at least 70 hours allowing the trainee to trial a job / sector and get a good insight into the business
- An interview for an apprenticeship or job or an exit interview with written feedback
- Development of personal skills i.e. communication, confidence and self-awareness
- Maintain existing entitlement to benefits whilst training
- Flexible and adaptable programme



Trainee perspective - continued

Challenges

- Unpaid work (but free training)
- Parent / carer / other negative perceptions
- Finding a traineeship locally (and a provider / employer)
- Cost and practicalities of childcare, travel to work, suitable work clothing etc.



Developing a Traineeship programme

Understanding the market

Do your research

Tailor traineeship programmes to your local / sector / employer context / apprenticeship offer

Which trainees and employers will it suit?

Access to referral partners

Design the programme as a solution!

Marketing and communications

Strategy and campaign

Clear messages for key stakeholders (employers, trainees, parents / carers)

Strong referral routes with relevant partners

Recruitment and selection

Advertise vacancies on Find a Traineeship

Offer incentives for participating

Delivery of high-quality information, advice and guidance

Unsuccessful apprentice candidates

Be responsive; design a programme to allow quick starts



Developing a Traineeship Programme

Starting Point / Initial Assessment

Diagnostic / self assessment tools – English, maths, digital and personal skills

Understanding the trainee's motivational factors

Identification of learning, learner support needs and other barriers

Learning Elements

Skills development – work preparation, personal skills, etc.

English, maths and ESOL

Sector relevant knowledge, skills, behaviours, training and / or qualifications

Delivery methods?

Work Placement

Agree a programme and a plan with the employer

Provide support to employers throughout

Induction to work placement

On placement mentoring and coaching by the provider

Trainee Support

Safeguarding and welfare Single point of contact for trainees Provide holistic and individualised support for trainees



Developing a Traineeship Programme

Completion

Progression

Post-traineeship

Updated CV and job applications

A formal interview for a job or apprenticeship plus feedback; or an exit interview with written feedback

Provider / employer review of programme and future opportunities

Identify opportunities for progression early in the programme and keep reviewing throughout

Ongoing and final IAG to review progression opportunities

Potential for a case study

Possible incentives for the trainee to promote / refer traineeships to friends and contacts

Tracking progression to a positive defined outcome within six months



Funding

There are **three main aspects** of 19-24 traineeship funding:

- 1. the single work-placement and work-preparation rate of £970 (£1500)
- 2. GCSE English and maths (if required) or other qualifications to support progress towards GCSE English and maths at grades 4 to 9 (A* to C)
- 3. a flexible element, designed to help the learner move into work or remove a barrier to them entering work

Learner Support

• is available to provide financial support for individuals with a specific financial hardship preventing them from taking part/continuing in learning

Learning Support

- available to meet the cost of putting in place a reasonable adjustment, as set out in the Equality Act 2010, for learners who have an identified learning difficulty and/or disability, to achieve their learning goal
- must not be used to deal with everyday difficulties that are not directly associated with a learner's learning on their programme.



Procurement

- ESFA will be looking for providers with the capacity to start providing high-quality 19-24 traineeships quickly through a ringfenced AEB contract for service
- You can create an account on the DfE e-sourcing portal ready for the procurement
- Plans for 16-18-year-old traineeships are not yet finalised further detail to be shared soon
- ESFA said it wants to see flexible content and qualifications that prepare trainees for progression to apprenticeships and jobs through a direct line of sight to the occupational standards.



Useful Links

- Traineeship information for training providers
- Adult Education Budget Funding Rules 2020 to 2021V2 (New version due anytime soon!)
- Adult Education Budget Funding Rates and Formula 2020 to 2021
- <u>Learning and Work Traineeship Resources and Case Studies</u>
- DfE e sourcing portal create an account ready for the procurement



Future Support Offer

Looking for further traineeship support?

- 1. Helping providers with the Traineeship procurement
 - Full support
 - Review and critique
- 2. Developing a Trainee webinar series / workshop package
 - Employer engagement
 - Initial assessment
 - Programme design
 - Funding and compliance
 - Pastoral Support / Trainee Welfare



SDN

Summer of CPD

SDN is running a range of webinars this summer to support you and your staff prepare for the next academic year. Spaces still available on the below:

- 10 August start 5-part webinar series for trainer-assessors: Preparing for your changing role (transition from frameworks to standards)
- 14 August How to practically implement the new 2020-21 Apprenticeship Funding Rules
- 20 August Delivering Functional Skills within Higher and Degree Apprenticeships – integration and innovation
- 24 August start 3-part webinar series: Getting your costings right for apprenticeship standards

For full webinar listings and further details, visit: www.strategicdevelopment.co.uk/sdnevents

Can't make the date / time? Don't worry, register for the webinar and you will receive a recording of the session and all the accompanying resources.





Next steps and thank you

After the session, you will receive:

- Access to the webinar recording and slides
- Evaluation survey

Please forward any comments or questions to: events@strategicdevelopmentnetwork.co.uk

Visit: www.strategicdevelopmentnetwork.co.uk