

Short and long-term workforce planning webinar – how can the new government initiatives help? (24 Nov)

Delegate Comments Transcript

How do you find out who is your representative? We have been in touch with the South West one but haven't been allocated anyone as yet.

We have been successful with our application for Kickstart, not aware of having a DWP account manager.

This is Really really helpful - just waiting on our kickstart placements to be approved

What are you using your £1,500 set up grant per Kickstarter for? Is it fairly fluid how we can use it?

When you submitted your bid via the gov.uk portal, was it easy to fill out and how long before you heard back?

We are using our £1,500 to support a training programme, IT equipment, PPE/uniform if required and to support admin costs e.g. payroll. We heard that we had been successful in about 4 weeks.

Not all gateway organisations are dipping into the £1500

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That's interesting regarding the cash flow of costs and income

Gateway organisations also receive separate funding for each Kickstarter.

The YMCA is a good provider and gateway agency and they offer participating employers a choice of bronze, silver or gold employability support packages and you have to at least pay for the minimum bronze package (£100 I believe)

Where are the terms and conditions?

T&Cs doc is on the gov.uk website - it's a long read!

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/kickstart-scheme-terms-and-conditions>

Anyone know about any employer forums to share info on kickstart, good practice, templates etc?

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I've emailed the DWP local helpline but got a very passive reply. How did you get access to an account manager pls? If you are a Gateway Organisation you will be appointed a rep when you are approved.

"I spoke to a DWP rep recently and asked to see a copy of the application form in advance of filling it in online. They don't have one to send us. What sort of questions are on the application form?" We went through the form online and screenshot the pages, completed it in word and cut and paste. Bit cumbersome but the online form does not have a save option and does cut out after some time if there is no activity on the screen.

We are lobbying them weekly through British chambers of commerce

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/787716/Apps_Framesworks-150319.pdf

Great session very informative!

First of all, well done on the good work you've done.

Many thanks all - really useful all round.