



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

It's been a busy few months here at Rochdale Training! This year, over 1000 new learners have been recruited. We've celebrated our learners in style at the Town Hall, hosted hands-on taster sessions, raised money for charity, dug in at planting parties, and came together for foodbank donations. We've also welcomed new team members, launched a new booking system, and kept flying the flag for apprenticeships and upskilling across the region.



MP's Seal of Approval

We were proud to welcome Rochdale MP Paul Waugh for a visit to Rochdale Training. He met with members of the team and saw first-hand the work we're doing with local employers, apprentices, and learners of all ages.

He even gave a special mention in parliament and said we represent "everything that's great about our town." Big thanks to Paul for the kind words and support!



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GM Skills Awards

We were proud to sponsor and attend the GM Skills Awards—a fantastic evening celebrating talent, partnerships, and the future of Greater Manchester.

Huge congratulations to all those shortlisted, especially Nial from Nema Ltd, along with the brilliant teams at Rochdale Council and Positive Steps for their work on Engaging Rochdale & Rochdale Youth Works.

A great night shining a light on the amazing work happening across our region!



Inspiring the Next Generation

We've been busy running hands-on sessions for local school pupils—and they've gone down a treat! From chocolate welding and bridge building to virtual welding and real-time engineering tasks, it's been all about sparking curiosity and getting stuck in.



Your Voice Belongs Here

We're inviting learners to join our Equality & Diversity Group – a space where you can share your views, represent others, and help make Rochdale Training even better for everyone.

By joining, you can:

- Share your ideas and experiences
- Be part of learner-led events and campaigns
- Represent your peers and underrepresented groups
- Build confidence, communication and leadership skills

Interested? Speak to your tutor or email mwhittaker@rochdaletraining.co.uk to get involved.

Honouring VE Day



We marked VE Day with 1940s music, tea, cake, and a whole lot of community spirit. Learners and staff got stuck in to honour the bravery and resilience of those who served. A lovely day all round!



Steps for Springhill

Team Rochdale Training laced up and smashed a sponsored walk to raise money for Springhill Hospice—raising an amazing £859 plus Gift Aid!

Huge thanks to everyone who donated and cheered us on. Every step made a difference for a cause that means so much to our community.



Tastebuds Take Flight

Our team came together to celebrate global cultures the best way we know how—through food! From Spanish pinchos and Pakistani curry to Aussie lamingtons and British bakes, the spread was as vibrant as the atmosphere.

It was a brilliant chance to share stories, try new flavours, and enjoy something a little different over lunch. Big thanks to the New Pioneers Project for helping make it all happen!



Planting Party Power!

Our Wellbeing Group hosted a brilliant planting party, bringing learners and staff together to brighten up our outdoor spaces. From flowers and herbs to big laughs and muddy hands, it was a fab afternoon of teamwork and fresh air.

Big shout out to everyone who got involved—turns out green fingers and good vibes go hand in hand!



Learner Awards

Our Learner Awards took over the stunning Rochdale Town Hall—and what a night it was! The main hall was packed with learners, families, tutors, and supporters, all there to celebrate some truly incredible achievements.



Each shortlisted learner was recognised with a personalised video, and our brilliant host kept the energy high all evening. Laughter, cheers, and a few happy tears filled the room as we celebrated the dedication, progress, and all-round brilliance of our learners.



Big shout out to our generous sponsors for helping make it all happen—and to the Town Hall team for the buffet.

A huge well done to all our nominees and winners—you did yourselves and Rochdale Training proud!

See more finalists: rochdaletraining.co.uk/learners-awards-2025

New Apprentices for September

Our new engineering apprentices kicked off their journey with a tour of Rochdale Training and the workshop. Great to welcome fresh faces and future talent! Could this be you? We currently have over 30 live apprenticeship vacancies. Contact recruitment@rochdaletraining.co.uk to find out more.



Functional Skills Picnic Day

To celebrate National Picnic Day, our learners headed to the park for a day of hands-on learning and fun!

They put their budgeting, measurement, data handling, and time planning skills to the test—proving that maths isn't just for the classroom, it's a part of everyday life.

From planning the menu to timing activities, this was a brilliant way to bring contextualised maths to life through real-world tasks.

Well done to all involved!



If you would like to apply for our Functional Skills course or any of the other courses we offer please follow the link to attend one of our Information Sessions! Book on via the link below:

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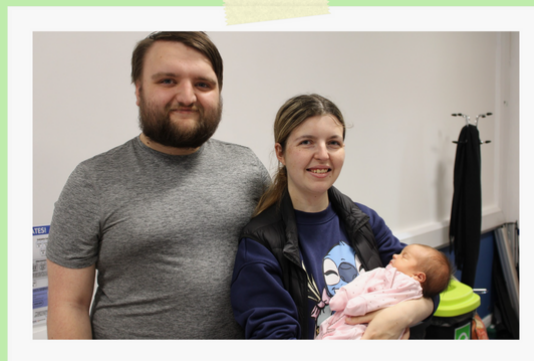
Menopause Support Group

We're proud to announce the launch of our new Menopause Support Group, providing a safe and supportive environment for those navigating this important phase of life. Whether you're seeking advice, sharing experiences, or simply connecting with others who understand, our group is here to offer encouragement and practical support. Join us and be part of a compassionate community that values open conversation and well-being.



If you are interested in joining or just want more information please email on lagnew@rochdaletraining.co.uk

Cutest team member yet!



A huge congratulations to Caitlyn and Bailey on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Aria! We were thrilled to meet little Aria when they brought her in to say hello—such a lovely moment for the RTA family. Wishing them both lots of love, health, and happiness!

Rochdale Foodbank Collection

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent foodbank collection. Organised by our fantastic Wellbeing Group, the effort brought staff and learners together to support local families in need.

Every single donation made a difference—and your generosity hasn't gone unnoticed. Let's keep that community spirit going strong!



Skip the Wait – Book Online!

We've made it even easier to get started with Rochdale Training thanks to our new online booking system powered by Calendly.

Whether you're applying for an apprenticeship, need help with your application, or want to chat about your Career options, you can now pick a date and time that suits you—no back-and-forth emails required!

Just head to:

<https://calendly.com/d/cr29-zxq-nz3>
and get yourself sorted in seconds.



Never Too Late to Level Up

Huge congratulations to Debra Dianne Riding, winner of Adult Learner of the Year at our recent Learner Awards!

Debra's journey has been nothing short of inspiring. Her dedication, perseverance, and passion for learning set her apart from the start. She returned to training with determination to grow, succeed, and prove that it's never too late to chase your goals.

Debra is living proof of how impactful upskilling can be—not just for individuals, but for the businesses they're part of. We're so proud to have supported her journey, and we can't wait to see what she does next!



Investing in your team isn't just good business—it transforms lives.

From Functional Skills to apprenticeships and bespoke staff training, we help employers unlock potential and build stronger teams.

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Mayor's Apprenticeship Tour

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Rochdale for a visit to Lee Spring, where she met our talented apprentice engineer, Ellie Dobson.



It was a real honour to have Ellie's hard work and dedication recognised, and a proud moment for everyone involved. Big thanks to the Mayor for showing her support!

Weld Done, Ryan!

Big congrats to Ryan, our Welding & Fabrication Tutor, on being named Employee of the Quarter! A top tutor, a team player, and always going the extra mile—well deserved! His support and skill make a big difference to both learners and the team.



It's OK to Talk: ANDYSMANCLUB at Rochdale Training

We were proud to welcome Luke Tetlow-Cross from ANDYSMANCLUB, who joined one of our sessions to speak about mental health and the power of starting a conversation.

Luke's talk was honest, moving, and a brilliant reminder that support is out there—and it's always OK to talk.



Huge thanks to Luke for sharing his story and helping raise awareness around men's mental health.

If you or someone you know is struggling, you're not alone: andysmanclub.co.uk/contact



New Membership Available - Powering the Future

As a member of Rochdale Training, you'll not only add value to your organisation—you'll also enhance your business's social value profile.

Membership includes:

- Access to funding for workforce training and development
- A free recruitment service to help you find the right talent
- Discounts on a wide range of training courses
- The chance to use Rochdale Training as your own dedicated Training Support Service



Ready to make training work for your business?

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Welcome to the Team!



Chris McGrane
Engineering Tutor



Andy Robinson
Engineering Tutor



Ruby Frances
TA Apprenticeship



Julie Hannon
H&S Care Tutor



Jacob Evans
Recruitment Advisor



Jade Gooding
Career Progression Officer



Michael Charnock
Management Tutor



Dawn Slater
Exams Officer

Parents & Carers Corner

We know it's not just young people feeling the pressure—you feel it too. Helping your young person choose what's next after school can be a big deal, and let's be honest, it's not always straightforward. You might be their biggest motivator and the one cheering them on... even when you're not 100% sure how the system works yourself. That's totally normal—and that's exactly where we come in. Whether you're looking for advice, clarity,

or just someone to talk it through with, we're here to help you feel confident about what's next for them. **Scan Below for More Information:**

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Career Support with Jade



I'm Jade, a Career Progression Officer at Rochdale Training. I'm here to help learners find the right next step—whether that's an apprenticeship, further training, or a new career path. If you need advice or support, feel free to get in touch!

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Recruitment Support with Jacob



Hi, I'm Jacob, a Recruitment Advisor at Rochdale Training. I help connect learners with great opportunities and support employers in finding the right talent. If you have any questions or want to chat about your options, I'm here to help.

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Looking for Your Next Step?

We've got a wide range of live apprenticeship vacancies available now across different industries—from engineering and business admin to childcare, customer service and more.

You can view all current opportunities and apply directly on our website:

<https://www.rochdaletraining.co.uk/apprenticeships>

Got questions or need help applying? Drop us an email at recruitment@rochdaletraining.co.uk – we're here to help!

Open Evenings



🕒 Drop in 3:30pm to 7:00pm

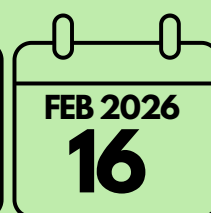
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Hands-on taster sessions to spark your future in engineering...



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