

# NEWSLETTER



## Summer Snapshot

It's been fantastic to see so much happening across Rochdale Training this summer. Whether it's learners achieving their goals, employers investing in future talent or our teams making a difference in the community, every success reflects the dedication of those who make Rochdale Training what it is. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our mission- we're excited for what's still to come this year.

- **Rachel Yates, Chief Executive**



## Celebrating Success at the GM Skills Awards

Rochdale Training are proud to be attending the Greater Manchester Skills Awards, where Antoinette Cachia is a finalist for Higher Apprentice of the Year and Zara Flannigan is a finalist for Advanced Apprentice of the Year. Good luck to both learners!

**ADVANCED APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST**

<b>Aisha Ali</b> Graphene Legal Damar Training	<b>Harvey Dalton</b> RnM Electrical Oldham College	<b>Zafeerah Bagas</b> Alliance Learning
<b>Edward Fowler</b> McHale & Co Solicitors Damar Training	<b>Ryan Baratinsky</b> Childcare and Community Centre Acorn Training	<b>Zara Flannigan</b> Channings Childcare Rochdale Training
<b>Toluwalope Johnson</b> Alpine Fire Engineers NowSkills		

**HIGHER APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST**

<b>Antionette</b> Highfield Manor Care Home Rochdale training Ltd	<b>Jack Fogg</b> Dragonfly Contracts Ltd University of Salford	<b>Mia Mason</b> Manchester Airports Group Manchester Metropolitan University
<b>James Cachia</b> Highfield Manor Care Home Rochdale training Ltd	<b>Kolsuma Kamali</b> Oldham Council Learning Curve Group	<b>Ryan Wraxall</b> TFGM Alliance Learning
<b>Jack Hampson</b> United Utilities NowSkills Limited	<b>Logan McMillan</b> Co-Op Academies NowSkills Limited	

## Springhill Walk

The Rochdale Training team recently completed a charity walk in support of Andy's Man Club, raising £245 online to help support men's mental health. It was a fantastic day, with colleagues coming together to enjoy the challenge while raising money for a cause that means so much. A huge thank you to everyone who donated and supported us – every contribution has helped make a real difference.



## Engaging Men in Learning and Skills

Rochdale Training is committed to increasing male participation in training, skills and employment opportunities. Our friendly Men's Group meets every Wednesday from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at Sandon House Community Centre in Heywood, providing a welcoming space to connect, share experiences and discover new opportunities. Whether you're young or old, employed or looking for work, everyone is welcome. Come along, have a brew and find out how Rochdale Training can support your next step.



## Engineering Learners Give Back to the Community

Our engineering apprentices and trainees are working with the Rochdale Hornets Sporting Foundation to repair specialist wheelchair rugby equipment, helping local athletes stay in the game while gaining valuable hands-on experience. The project combines real engineering skills with community impact, giving learners the opportunity to make a genuine difference through their work.



## Bringing Skills into Our Communities

In partnership with Rochdale Council, we're delivering Customer Service, Digital Skills and Teaching Assistant courses in community venues across Heywood through the Living Well Journey to Employment project, helping residents gain new skills, build confidence and move closer to employment. By bringing learning into local communities, we're making education more accessible for everyone.



## LEARNER AWARDS 2026

Our Learner Awards 2026 was a fantastic evening celebrating the achievements of our incredible learners. Joined by employers, tutors, partners and sponsors, we recognised the hard work, dedication and success of our finalists and winners. Congratulations to everyone who received an award, and thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a memorable celebration.

### OUR 2026 WINNERS:



## Maintaining Our Matrix Standard

Rochdale Training is proud to have successfully maintained the Matrix Standard following our annual assessment. This recognition reflects our continued commitment to delivering high-quality Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG), ensuring learners and employers receive the support they need to succeed.



## Barrels, Teamwork & Community Spirit

Rochdale Training was proud to sponsor this year's Rochdale Round Table Barrel Walk, an incredible community event raising money for local charities, including Springhill Hospice, Jolly Josh and Rochdale Children's Moorland Home. We also entered our own team to take on the challenge, and they had a fantastic time getting involved while helping to support these amazing causes.



## Connecting People with Opportunities - RTA Jobs Fair

Rochdale Training recently hosted a successful Jobs Fair, welcoming over 350 jobseekers, employers and training providers from across the borough. The event gave attendees the chance to explore career opportunities, receive advice and connect with local employers. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day such a success—we're proud to support people on their journey into employment and training.



## Making a Difference in Our Community - Volunteering

Supporting our local community is at the heart of what we do. Throughout the year, our staff and learners work alongside organisations including Springhill Hospice, Rochdale Foodbank, Rochdale AFC Community Trust and Macmillan Cancer Support, taking part in fundraising, volunteering and community projects that make a real difference. Together, we're proud to give back and create a positive impact across Rochdale and beyond.



## Learners Explore Their Next Steps

Our Level 3 and Level 4 learners recently attended the Higher Education Skills Fair 2026, where they explored progression opportunities with over 70 universities, employers and apprenticeship providers. The event gave learners valuable insight into higher education, higher-level apprenticeships and career pathways, helping them make informed decisions about their future.



## Your Future. Our Support.

Our Careers Team offers events, workshops and one-to-one support to help learners take their next step. From CV writing and mock interviews to careers guidance and Higher Education support, we're here to help.

See our calendar below and scan the QR codes to explore upcoming events and access more careers resources.

Higher Education	Aug	Sep	Oct
Higher Education Application Support	*	*	*
Writing an Effective Personal Statement		*	*
Higher Education University Tour/Info Sessions			
Further Education Progression	Aug	Sep	Oct
1:1 Progression Discussions		*	*
Impartial Course/Careers Advice with Positive Steps	*	*	*
National Apprenticeship Week			
CAREERS GUIDANCE	Aug	Sep	Oct
Careers Guidance Interviews	*	*	*
Career Action Plans	*	*	*
New Parent/Carer Welcome Evening			
National Careers Week			
Career Options using Pathways	*	*	*
EMPLOYABILITY	Aug	Sep	Oct
Labour Market Information and Career Insights - Employer Visits		*	*
Impartial Careers Advice with Job Centre Plus			
Cv & Covering Letter	*	*	*
Parents Evening for Work Experience			
Work Experience			
Support Getting An Apprenticeship	*	*	*
Networking Online - An Insight into LinkedIn			*
Jobs Club	*	*	*
Mock Interviews	*	*	*
Work Experience - Work-related readiness training		*	

### HIGHER EDUCATION



### FURTHER EDUCATION PROGRESSION



### CAREERS GUIDANCE



### EMPLOYABILITY



## Free Impartial Careers Advice

Rochdale Training is proud to partner with Positive Steps to offer all learners free, confidential and impartial Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG).

A qualified Positive Steps Careers Adviser is available in the Rochdale Training Careers Hub on the first Wednesday of every month, 1:00pm–5:00pm. Whether you're exploring your next steps, apprenticeships, further study or employment, we're here to help.

To book your appointment, email: [recruitment@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@rochdaletraining.co.uk)



**POSITIVE STEPS**  
SUPPORT | CHALLENGE | CHANGE

## Thrive 365 Calendar

There's a lot happening throughout 2026! Keep up to date with our Thrive 365 Calendar and join us at one of our events.



# THRIVE 365 2026



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	
<p><b>COLOUR KEY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: #e91e63;">●</span> WELLBEING</li> <li><span style="color: #2196f3;">●</span> ENRICHMENT</li> <li><span style="color: #ff9800;">●</span> CAREERS</li> <li><span style="color: #ffff00;">●</span> EQUALITY &amp; DIVERSITY</li> </ul> <p><b>ALWAYS AVAILABLE</b> Support and opportunities you can access all year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Coffee &amp; Careers</b> Weekly drop-in for career advice and support.</li> <li> <b>Pre-Screening</b> Interested in a course? Come down to one of our information sessions.</li> </ul>	<p><span style="color: #e91e63;">19<sup>TH</sup></span> Blue Monday Coffee &amp; Chat</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">23<sup>RD</sup></span> Driving Theory (6 weeks) 1pm-2pm every Friday</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">28<sup>TH</sup></span> January Motivation Session</p> <p><span style="color: #ffff00;">●</span> Community project Rochdale Rugby Club</p>	<p><span style="color: #ff9800;">9<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup></span> National Apprenticeship Week</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">9<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup></span> Kindness Week</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">16<sup>TH</sup></span> Have a go Engineering</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">17<sup>TH</sup></span> Chinese New Year</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">26<sup>TH</sup></span> Bowling &amp; Lunch (Study Programme)</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">27<sup>TH</sup></span> Football Tournament</p>	<p><span style="color: #ffff00;">2<sup>ND</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup></span> National Careers Week</p> <p><span style="color: #ff9800;">5<sup>TH</sup></span> Open Evening</p> <p><span style="color: #ffff00;">6<sup>TH</sup></span> International Women's Day Afternoon Tea</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">30<sup>TH</sup></span> Planting Party</p>	<p><span style="color: #ffff00;">●</span> Community Project Rochdale Rugby Club</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">9<sup>TH</sup></span> Healthy Choices</p> <p><span style="color: #ff9800;">●</span> Personal Branding Workshop</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">13<sup>TH</sup></span> Have a go Engineering</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">●</span> Driving Theory (6 weeks) 1pm-2pm every Friday</p>	<p><span style="color: #2196f3;">●</span> Charity Car Wash</p> <p><span style="color: #ff9800;">14<sup>TH</sup></span> Open Evening</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">●</span> Have a go Engineering</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">8<sup>TH</sup></span> Littleborough to Hebdon Bridge Walk</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">15<sup>TH</sup></span> Staff 3 Peaks Challenge</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">21<sup>ST</sup></span> Meditation Session with Peter Thomas</p>	<p><span style="color: #e91e63;">1<sup>ST</sup></span> Food Bank Collection starts</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">●</span> Volunteering Food bank</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">14<sup>TH</sup></span> Blood Donor Day</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">18<sup>TH</sup></span> Yin Yoga with Peter Thomas</p>	
		JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
		<p><span style="color: #2196f3;">●</span> Driving Theory (6 weeks) 1pm-2pm every Friday</p> <p><span style="color: #ff9800;">●</span> Networking Online</p>	<p><span style="color: #2196f3;">●</span> Have a go Engineering</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">19<sup>TH</sup></span> Staff Wellbeing Day</p>	<p><span style="color: #2196f3;">17<sup>TH</sup></span> Yin Yoga with Peter Thomas</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">21<sup>ST</sup></span> International Day of Peace</p>	<p><span style="color: #ffff00;">●</span> Community Project Rochdale Rugby Club</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">18<sup>TH</sup></span> Menopause Awareness Week</p> <p><span style="color: #ff9800;">●</span> Personal Branding Workshop</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">●</span> Driving Theory (6 weeks) 1pm-2pm every Friday</p> <p><span style="color: #2196f3;">30<sup>TH</sup></span> Football Tournament</p>	<p><span style="color: #e91e63;">5<sup>TH</sup></span> Stress Awareness Day</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">●</span> Mission Christmas launch</p>	<p><span style="color: #2196f3;">10<sup>TH</sup></span> Yin Yoga with Peter Thomas</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">11<sup>TH</sup></span> Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">●</span> Charity Raffle</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">●</span> Christmas Party Learners</p> <p><span style="color: #e91e63;">●</span> Staff Christmas Lunch</p>



Rochdale Training



## GREATER MANCHESTER – TOP 10 JOBS BY BOROUGH

The most in-demand jobs across each borough based on current labour market information, employer demand and skills shortage data.

### BOLTON – TOP 10 JOBS

1. Care Worker
2. Teaching Assistant
3. Customer Service Adviser
4. Business Administrator
5. Registered Nurse
6. Early Years Practitioner
7. Construction Worker
8. Warehouse Operative
9. Support Worker
10. IT Support Technician

### ABOUT THE DATA

Jobs are based on a combination of Labour Market Information from GMCA, ONS, Nomis, Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) reports and live employer intelligence.

### WIGAN – TOP 10 JOBS

1. Care Worker
2. Manufacturing Operative
3. Teaching Assistant
4. HGV/Logistics Driver
5. Business Administrator
6. Support Worker
7. Construction Worker
8. Customer Service Adviser
9. Electrician
10. Early Years Practitioner

### TRAFFORD – TOP 10 JOBS

1. Warehouse Operative
2. HGV/Logistics Driver
3. Production Operative
4. Maintenance Technician
5. Customer Service Adviser
6. Electrician
7. Business Administrator
8. Retail Supervisor
9. Forklift Driver
10. Health & Safety Adviser

### BURY – TOP 10 JOBS

1. Care Worker
2. Teaching Assistant
3. Customer Service Adviser
4. Business Administrator
5. Early Years Practitioner
6. Retail Assistant
7. Construction Worker
8. Support Worker
9. Hospitality Team Member
10. IT Support Technician

### ROCHDALE – TOP 10 JOBS

1. Care Worker
2. CNC Machinist
3. Welding/Fabrication Technician
4. Production Operative
5. Business Administrator
6. HGV/Logistics Driver
7. Teaching Assistant
8. Electrician
9. Customer Service Adviser
10. Early Years Practitioner

### OLDHAM – TOP 10 JOBS

1. Care Worker
2. Manufacturing Operative
3. Teaching Assistant
4. Construction Worker
5. Support Worker
6. Warehouse Operative
7. Business Administrator
8. Registered Nurse
9. Electrician
10. Customer Service Adviser

### TAMESIDE – TOP 10 JOBS

1. Care Worker
2. Manufacturing Operative
3. Teaching Assistant
4. Warehouse Operative
5. Business Administrator
6. Construction Worker
7. HGV/Logistics Driver
8. Support Worker
9. Customer Service Adviser
10. Electrician

### STOCKPORT – TOP 10 JOBS

1. Care Worker
2. Business Administrator
3. Registered Nurse
4. Customer Service Adviser
5. Teaching Assistant
6. Construction Worker
7. IT Support Technician
8. Accountant
9. Mechanical Engineer
10. Support Worker

### MANCHESTER – TOP 10 JOBS

1. Software Developer
2. Data Analyst
3. Project Manager
4. Registered Nurse
5. Business Administrator
6. Digital Marketing Specialist
7. Civil Engineer
8. Customer Service Adviser
9. Financial Analyst
10. IT Support Technician

## Talent Foundry

Rochdale Training was proud to support the Skills for Life programme by welcoming students from across the borough for a day of career-focused activities. Delivered in partnership with The Talent Foundry, Rochdale Borough Council, Rochdale Development Agency and M&G plc, the programme helped young people build confidence, develop employability skills and prepare for their future through mock interviews, presentations and careers advice.



## Upcoming Short Course: Early Years

Thinking about a career in Early Years? Join us for our Early Years Information Session on 24th August to discover more about the course and the opportunities available.



To register your interest or find out more, contact Daniel on 01706 631417 or [dsilva-stafford@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:dsilva-stafford@rochdaletraining.co.uk).

## Did You Know? We Have a SENCO

Rochdale Training has a dedicated SENCO, Josh Harper, to support learners with additional needs throughout their learning journey. If you or someone you know could benefit from extra support, please get in touch with our team.



## Apprentice Fabricator & Welder – Eurofabs UK Limited

We're recruiting for an Apprentice Fabricator & Welder with Eurofabs UK Limited in Rochdale. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain hands-on engineering experience while working towards a Level 2 Engineering Operative Apprenticeship, with excellent progression opportunities on completion.



Apply via our website or contact Jacob Evans on 01706 631417 or [jevans@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:jevans@rochdaletraining.co.uk) for more information.

## WorldSkills UK Returns to Rochdale Training

For the third year running, Rochdale Training was proud to host the WorldSkills UK Regional Welding Qualifiers, welcoming talented apprentices from across the region, including our own learners. The competition gave participants the opportunity to test their skills under industry-standard conditions, gain valuable experience and showcase their talent. Congratulations to everyone who took part and represented Rochdale Training so brilliantly—we look forward to seeing future competitors continue the tradition.



## Moving and Handling People - Train the Trainer

We're continuing to deliver our Moving & Handling People - Train the Trainer course in partnership with Chrysalis Consultancy. Designed for Health & Social Care professionals, this course provides the knowledge and confidence to safely train others in moving and handling.



**To find out more or book your place, contact us on:**

01706 631417 or  
[marketing@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:marketing@rochdaletraining.co.uk)

## Health & Safety Training That Works

Whether you're looking to refresh your team's knowledge or meet workplace compliance requirements, we offer a wide range of Health & Safety courses designed to keep your staff safe, confident and up to date. From First Aid and Fire Safety to Risk Assessment and IOSH Managing Safely, our experienced trainers deliver practical, hands-on learning that can be tailored to your organisation's needs.

We also provide bespoke training packages, allowing businesses to choose the courses and delivery methods that work best for their teams.

To discuss your training requirements or book a course, contact Jeremy Roberts on 01706 631417 or [jroberts@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:jroberts@rochdaletraining.co.uk).



## New Membership Available

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
- A free recruitment service
- Discounts on a wide range of training courses
- Your own dedicated Training Support Service

Follow this link for full details:

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

## Can You Offer a Work Placement?

We're looking for local employers to offer short work placements for our Study Programme learners. We're currently seeking Early Years/Childcare and Customer Service/Business Administration employers to help young people gain valuable workplace experience while discovering future talent.



If you can help, contact [careers@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:careers@rochdaletraining.co.uk) or call 01706 631417.

## Bradley Manufacturing Invest in Future Talent

We're proud to work alongside Bradley Manufacturing, one of our valued employer partners and a fantastic example of how investing in apprentices creates long-term success. With 11 apprentices currently in learning, the company provides exceptional mentoring, structured training and ongoing support to help learners thrive. Their commitment to developing future talent was recently recognised during a BSI audit, where their apprenticeship programme was described as "one of the best apprenticeship schemes seen in a long time."

Bradley Manufacturing continues to demonstrate the positive impact employers can have by investing in the next generation of skilled engineers.



## Employer Health & Safety Breakfast Event

Rochdale Training recently welcomed local employers to our Health & Safety Breakfast Event, where attendees heard from industry experts and took away practical advice on employment law, workplace safety and workforce development. It was a great opportunity to share knowledge, network with local businesses and support employers in creating safe, compliant and successful workplaces.



## Upskill Your Team with Leadership Training

Rochdale Training offers fully accredited ILM Leadership & Management courses with up to 100% government funding, helping employers develop confident leaders and stronger teams.

Why choose ILM?

- Up to 100% funding available
- Flexible delivery – face-to-face, virtual or in the workplace
- 99% Apprenticeship success rate

Courses available:

- Level 2 – New supervisors and team leaders



## 2026 Employer Recruitment Support Get Seen. Get Talent. On Us.

We're offering employers a free recruitment campaign to help attract the very best apprentices in 2026.

Your free campaign includes:

- On-site filming to showcase your business
- Promotion across social media, schools, colleges and our Employer Newsletter
- A feature during National Apprenticeship Week and beyond

Interested? Get in touch with our Employer Engagement Team on 01706 631417 or email [nfinn@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:nfinn@rochdaletraining.co.uk).

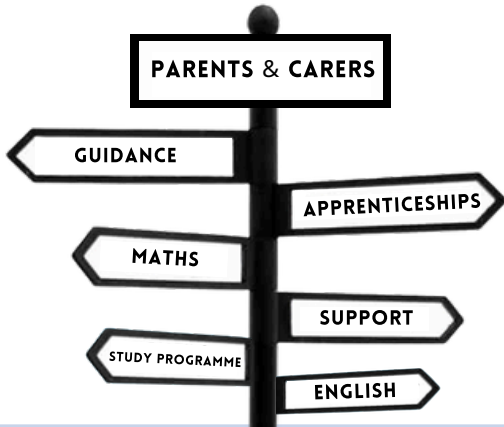


## Parents' & Carers' Corner

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 is a big decision, 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 completely normal—and that's 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.

**Scan below for more information.**



**Contact us:**

recruitment@rochdaletraining.co.uk  
01706 631 417

### Apprenticeship Support with Jacob

Hi, I'm Jacob, Recruitment Advisor at Rochdale Training. I support learners into employment and Apprenticeships, while helping employers find the right talent. Get in touch if you'd like to find out more.

jevans@rochdaletraining.co.uk  
01706 631417



### Career Support with Jade

I'm Jade, Career Progression Officer at Rochdale Training. I'm here to help learners explore Apprenticeships, training and career opportunities. Get in touch if you need support!

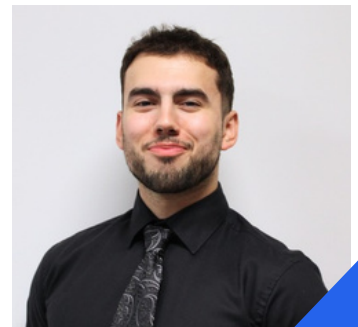
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### Short Course Support with Daniel

Hi, I'm Daniel, Community Recruitment Advisor at Rochdale Training. I work with community partners and help adults find the right course and career opportunities. Get in touch to find out more!

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01706 631417



## Live Apprenticeships - Apply Now

We've got over 30 live apprenticeship vacancies available right 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](mailto:recruitment@rochdaletraining.co.uk) - we're here to help!

## Take our Careers Quiz

Not sure which career is right for you? Take our quick Careers Quiz using the Pathways Tool to discover your strengths, explore your interests, and find careers that could be the perfect fit.



 Pathways

## Open Evenings



 Drop in 3:30pm - 7:00pm

## Engineering Taster Days

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



**Interested?** Contact

[Marketing@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:Marketing@rochdaletraining.co.uk) or call 01706 631 417 to book on!

## Job Opportunities at Rochdale Training

Rochdale Training currently have 3 Live Vacancies, see below:

- Machining Tutor
- Employer Skills Advisor
- Business Administration Apprentice

