

## Local Updates

### **LARGEST EVER COHORT OF HEALTHCARE GRADUATES BOOSTS LOCAL NHS**

**The University of Hull's largest ever cohort of healthcare graduates will provide a boost to the NHS – and more than 70 percent will be working for local health services and hospitals.**

More than 250 nurses, and other allied health students such as midwives, operating department practitioners, and associate practitioners, graduated this week as part of the University's week-long celebration of degree ceremonies.

The majority of those who were graduating have already been taken on by the local health services, making a real difference to their communities.

Read More: <https://www.marketinghumber.com/news/regional/largest-ever-cohort-of-healthcare-graduates-boosts-local-nhs/>

Source: Marketing the Humber 12.07.19

### **PPH Commercial help bring 50 new jobs to Scunthorpe as UNiBLOCK bid to build on success in modular industry**

**FIFTY new full-time jobs are set to be created in Scunthorpe after PPH Commercial helped an established manufacturer in the modular building industry to acquire a new 18,000sqft factory in the town.**

UNiBLOCK, who are one of the UK's biggest distributors of insulated concrete form products, are aiming to build on their recent success by opening a trade premises on The Queensway industrial estate.

Located on Dunlop Way, and boasting excellent links to the national motorway network and regional docks, the premises looks set to play a key part in the company's ambitious expansion plans.

Read More: <https://www.marketinghumber.com/news/business/pph-commercial-help-bring-50-new-jobs-to-scunthorpe-as-uniblock-bid-to-build-on-success-in-modular-industry/>

Source: Marketing the Humber 24.06.19

### **Developer sells on part of its thriving Hull business park**

A commercial site forming part of one of the largest industrial developments in East Yorkshire has been sold. Hull-based developer Allenby Commercial has sold Priory Tec Park to Castle Square Developments for an undisclosed sum.

<https://www.insidermedia.com/insider/yorkshire/east-yorkshire-commercial-site-sold>

## **Ryanair to slash jobs and close bases after Boeing 737 MAX crisis**

Budget airline consulting with unions over plans that could see services cut across the country.

Budget airline Ryanair has warned it plans to cut jobs and close some of its bases after suffering delays to its aircraft deliveries amid the the Boeing 737 MAX aircraft crisis.

The airline will be slashing its services and has told investors it expects its growth rate for summer 2020 to come in at 3% - half its previous forecast.

As part of its plans Ryanair will close or cut services from many of its loss making sites, with some of the changes taking place as early as winter 2019.

Read More: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/enterprise/ryanair-jobs-closure-boeing-737-16591288>

Source: Business Live 16.07.19

## **Seafood sector career concerns aired in Westminster**

Concerns over a seafood skills shortage have been taken to the heart of Westminster, with strong representations from Grimsby's huge cluster.

Town MP Melanie Onn chaired a special session of the All Party Parliamentary Group, with sector experts invited from here, London and the South West to address political stakeholders, and help shape future strategy.

It came as Seafish, the industry organisation, brought back its World is Your Oyster campaign to help myth-bust and encourage entry to fish-focused careers.

Read More: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/manufacturing/seafood-sector-career-concerns-aided-16577645>

Source: Business Live 15.07.19

## **Wren's £120m proposed new manufacturing plant is revealed**

Plans for a huge £120 million expansion to leading Humber manufacturer Wren Kitchens' main site have now been unveiled.

The proposal has formally been submitted to North Lincolnshire Council, paving the way for a further 1,200 jobs.

It would swell The Nest site it took on and transformed when Kimberly-Clark exited nappy production, with an initial new shift creating 535 jobs, but with capacity for two more.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/manufacturing/wren-kitchens-factory-jobs-barton-16573229>

Source: Business Live 12.07.19

## Chemical industry warns of Brexit uncertainty as exports and jobs fall

The chemical industry, the nation's biggest manufacturing exporter, has said more companies in the past three months saw reductions in exports and lost jobs as the Brexit uncertainty continues.

In the latest quarterly business survey of member companies, the Chemical Industries Association forecasts an unfavourable year ahead, with businesses predicting a continued fall in exports and drops in margins.

Chief executive Steve Elliott, said "The first quarter boost in UK chemicals and pharmaceutical production, fuelled by stockpiling to combat a no deal Brexit, fell back over the past three months amidst renewed hope of a deal following the announcement of the extension of our EU membership to the end of October. However, as the odds continue to shorten on a no deal outcome, we have the most uncertain business investment conditions for decades."

The North West, North East and Yorkshire and Humber are the three largest clusters in the UK, with 51 per cent of the 140,000 employees in the £48 billion turnover industry there.

Read more: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/manufacturing/chemical-industry-warns-brexit-uncertainty-16562554>

Source: Business Live 10.07.19

## National Updates

### UK economy returns to growth but slowdown fears persist

**The UK economy returned to growth in May after shrinking in April, but the news failed to allay fears of a future slowdown.**

The economy grew 0.3% from the month before, after declining 0.4% in April, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Growth for the three months to May was 0.3%, with all sectors showing growth.

But economists say that June's growth figures will have to be strong to avoid contraction in the second quarter.

A partial recovery in car production, which had fallen sharply in April, was the main reason for the economy's upturn in May, said Rob Kent-Smith, head of GDP at the ONS.

Factory shutdowns designed to cope with disruption from a March Brexit had slashed UK car production in April by nearly half.

Read more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-48935261>

Source: bbc 10.07.19

## Robots 'to replace up to 20 million factory jobs' by 2030

**Up to 20 million manufacturing jobs around the world could be replaced by robots by 2030, according to analysis firm Oxford Economics.**

People displaced from those jobs are likely to find that comparable roles in the services sector have also been squeezed by automation, the firm said.

However, increasing automation will also boost jobs and economic growth, it added.

The firm called for action to prevent a damaging increase in income inequality.

### ***Rise of the robots***

Each new industrial robot wipes out 1.6 manufacturing jobs, the firm said, with the least-skilled regions being more affected.

Regions where more people have lower skills, which tend to have weaker economies and higher unemployment rates anyway, are much more vulnerable to the loss of jobs due to robots, Oxford Economics said.

Read More: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-48760799>

Source: bbc 26.06.19

## New OfS analysis shows continuing upward trend in award of top degrees

The Office for Students has updated its analysis on degree classifications, and finds that 13.9 percentage points of first class degrees awarded are unexplained.

The upward trend in the proportion of first-class degrees awarded at English universities and other higher education providers continued in 2017-18, according to the latest data published by the Office for Students (OfS) today. The figures – which now include those who graduated by summer last year – show that the proportion of first-class honours degrees awarded has increased from 16 per cent to 29 per cent between 2010-11 and 2017-18.

The OfS has used statistical modelling to account for factors including entrance qualifications and student characteristics which may influence attainment. When accounting for these factors, we find that 13.9 percentage points' worth of first class degree attainment remains unexplained.

The data also shows that unexplained differences in degree outcomes are found throughout the higher education sector. In total, 94 per cent of the 148 universities and other higher education providers included in the analysis demonstrated a statistically significant unexplained increase in the proportion of first-class degrees awarded in 2017-18 compared to 2010-11.

Read more: <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/news-blog-and-events/press-and-media/new-ofs-analysis-shows-continuing-upward-trend-in-award-of-top-degrees/>

Source: OFS 11.07.19

## The British tech firms taking on the world

Britain's innovative tech firms are taking on the world - and here at BusinessLive we're showcasing some of the best in the business.

Despite tough economic times, companies large and small are continuing to innovate to develop new technologies and shake up existing markets.

It's big business. The Government estimates that last year, digital technology firms in the UK turned over £184bn. And it says £28bn was invested in UK tech firms from 2011 to 2016- more than in France and Germany combined.

Here we are showcasing some of the UK's most innovative tech firms, as selected by our editors and reporters across the country.

Read More: <https://www.business-live.co.uk/technology/british-tech-firms-taking-world-16378317>

Source: Business Live 15.07.19

## Interesting Reading

<https://www.educationandemployers.org/research/contemporary-transitions-young-britons-reflect-on-life-after-secondary-school-and-college/>

<https://careemap.co.uk/careermag/>

<https://www.lkmco.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Making-Careers-Education-work-experience-digi.pdf>

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-new-grading-scale-factsheets?utm\\_source=e942312d-7ad9-4902-80ed-736afe2b9f1d&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-new-grading-scale-factsheets?utm_source=e942312d-7ad9-4902-80ed-736afe2b9f1d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

<https://www.educationandemployers.org/research/motivated-to-achieve/>

<https://www.fenews.co.uk/press-releases/30883-british-children-writing-off-careers-in-catering-due-to-lack-of-food-subjects-in-schools>

<https://uk.motor1.com/news/352541/logistics-driver-mechanic-shortage-soon/>

<https://www.fenews.co.uk/press-releases/30682-students-who-undertake-a-work-placement-are-more-likely-to-go-on-to-study-a-stem-course-at-a-russell-group-university>

[https://cbicdnend.azureedge.net/media/2960/cbi\\_work-readiness.pdf?v=20190627.4](https://cbicdnend.azureedge.net/media/2960/cbi_work-readiness.pdf?v=20190627.4)

## Upcoming Events

### Foundations Live 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

Foundations Live brings the industry together to create two events under one roof:

- A professional business networking and trade event. An opportunity for you and your colleagues to meet new people, learn about the latest products and innovations and generate new business.
- An interactive careers event for people of ages from primary schools through to adult re-training. Schools, colleges and training providers from across the region will meet at Foundations Live to learn what the industry has to offer and how it will face the challenge of an ever-present skills shortage.

The annual event is the result of the collaborative and ongoing working relationship with Jewson and Bishop Burton College. We are also pleased to be partnered by the CITB, who will also be there to give information about grants and fundraising to support the industry in developing the workforce – including apprenticeships.

<https://www.hobsonporter.com/foundations/>

### Tech Expo 2019 – 2/3 October

Tech Expo Humber , connecting education and enterprise. Creating skills for the future.

<https://techexpohumber.com/>

### WiME – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (South Bank)

Discover the opportunities available to women in our area and why you should select manufacturing and engineering as a career choice.

<https://greenporthull.co.uk/events>

### Health Expo – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Now in its fourth year, this annual exhibition and celebration will showcase just some of the innova<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/healthcare-careers-health-expo-2019-registration-64801045672t>ions and the amazing healthcare teams we have here in our region, and how we're working to make you healthier and happier!

Speak to the professionals, the careers service, the universities and colleges and get some great advice. (Nurses, therapists, medics, scientists, apprentices.....)

### Hire Me – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Presenting 'Hire Me', the Humber Enterprise Adviser Network would like to invite you to this event for students and their parents/carers at The Guildhall, Hull.

This event is aimed at students in years 11, 12 & 13 to assist them with the next steps into Apprenticeships, employment and University.

A series of workshops will be available to support students on their journeys into sustainable employment with themes delivered by employers including RB and Singleton Birch about interview techniques, CVs and applications, interview etiquette and different types of interviews.

There will be a chance to speak to employers to find out what they are looking for and how you could be their next perfect employee.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hire-me-hull-and-east-riding-tickets-62718071440>

## **LMI Construction (Tech & higher level skills) Sector Event – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (tbc)**

### **East Riding Apprenticeship Event – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

We are delighted to be able to share with you the details for the annual East Riding Apprenticeship Pathways event for the coming academic year.

As you are probably already aware from previous years this is always a well supported event which benefits students, providers and employers alike by not only raising awareness of the apprenticeship opportunities available locally but often also leads directly to recruitment.

Aside from the benefits to your students, attending this event will also support your school in meeting a number of key Gatsby Benchmarks (see below), and contribute to your overall careers programme.

- Gatsby Benchmark 2 - Learning from career and labour market information
- Gatsby Benchmark 3 - Addressing the needs of each pupil
- Gatsby Benchmark 5 - Encounters with employers and employees
- Gatsby Benchmark 7 - Encounters with Further and Higher Education

As in previous years the event is open to years 11, 12 and 13 as we will be promoting a range of apprenticeship opportunities including those at higher and degree level.

The proposed format for the day will include:

- each school will be allocated a 75 minute slot
- All learners will receive an introduction talk to the event and how to get the most from it, with input from employers and apprentices.
- there will be a market place of providers and associated employers for learners to visit and talk to
- there will be access to online facilities that will enable learners to view current available vacancies and follow up directly with the providers and employers present
- Specialist advisers and services will be on hand to provide information and support to learners, including helping them search for vacancies

For more information contact [esp.team@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:esp.team@eastriding.gov.uk)

### **National Apprenticeship Week – 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/save-the-date-national-apprenticeship-week-2020-to-be-held-3-to-7-february-2020>

### **Skills Humber – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

<https://prospectsevents.co.uk/our-events/skills-england/skills-humber-2019/>

### **National Careers Week 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

<https://nationalcareersweek.com/>

**Also check out <https://www.logonmoveon.co.uk/events/> for upcoming events**

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