

Rossendale Works



News from Rossendale Borough Council's Employability Fair written by students from Rossendale High Schools

Ten top tips to get that job

"Enjoy yourself, be creative! You learn things along the way."
Jenn Trethewey, The Boo Theatre.

"Get involved. Teamwork and leadership are what employers need."
Ed Stephens, RAF.

"Do something you are passionate about."
Nikky Ingley, Cruise Academy.

"Volunteer and we can help you get a job in anything or excel in the industry." Lisa Mack, Ski Rossendale.

"Maths is a skill for life; stay focused in school." Jane Pickston, Drury Adams Ltd.

"Try to get experience, volunteer, talk to people and learn about jobs."
Mel Whitehead, Citizens' Advice.

"Have good customer service, be confident and sales driven as it's an exciting world in property." Emma Farrow, Farrow and Farrow.

"Attend the careers' fairs. Think, do you want an apprenticeship? Or do you want to stay in school?" Robyn Scian, Solomon Engineering.

"Be adaptive, hard-working, creative and have balanced traits."
Daniel Harvey, The Hut.

"Keep healthy and don't be afraid to talk to others. Be a people person." Lewis Jelly and Amy Berry, Rossendale Leisure Trust.



Rossendale does work

by *Ruby Wilson and Caitlin Molloy*

EVERYTHING from the Royal Air Force to Boys Construction, the NHS to The Boo – they were all represented at Rossendale Works.

There was also burrito making, foam ducks and spaghetti and marshmallow towers.

Most importantly, there were smiles on the faces of the business owners and schoolchildren alike.

Six people pulled it together, including Penny Heys from Inspira on behalf of the Enterprise Adviser Network and the main organiser Megan

Eastwood, Rossendale Borough Council's Economic Development Officer.

Last night Megan came to the sports centre at 6.30pm after a busy day at work. She then set up tables and put out chairs up to 10pm. She said: "I did go home though!"

The day was split into two parts with schools attending in the morning and in the afternoon it was open for the public.

Forty businesses were represented in the morning and 17 more in the afternoon.

Megan's said: "Another element that I really enjoyed was working with

the schools and briefing them on the event.

"It helped schoolchildren understand their future and get an insight into what they want to do.

"It also helped the public get recruited into jobs."

A desire to link schools more closely with local businesses, was the inspiration behind Rossendale Works.

Megan said: "Other colleagues had done similar events and that helped us to succeed in this project."

Students and the public had helping hand into their big, bright and bold future.



Creativity beckons

by *Georgina Davies Heywood and Reeve Lawson*

A VERY well done to the winner of the design contest for a logo for Rossendale Works this year – Holly Duffy, a Year 11 student at Fearn's.

Even though it was short notice, Holly pulled through and created this wonderful logo.

With the help of a graphic designer, the logo was made official and was seen by hundreds who attended.



Quacking good give-aways

by *Sam Chard and Ned Schofield*

MANY free gifts were handed out on the stalls but our favourite had to be the foam ducks made by Drury Adams.

The company manufactures foam, which can be made into a range of items from furniture filling

and mattresses – to foam ducks.

They don't make the end product, they only refine the foam, but this is a very important step and is often forgotten about.

Sales manager Jane Pickston said: "We enjoy every minute at Drury Adams and you have to have a lot of passion when you work here."

High flying careers

by *Georgina Davies Heywood and Reeve Lawson*

IF YOU fancy a career where every day is different and exciting, how about joining the Royal Air Force?

The service had a large stall at the Rossendale Works careers event, in Haslingden.

Ed Stephens, a Squadron Leader, explained: "I had a passion for the RAF, and I joined the Air Cadets at 13.

"When I left school, I went to the Job Centre and signed up to the RAF."

Aimed at attracting 16 to 18-year-olds, the stall had a lot of information and Ed was willing to give advice and tips on how to get involved with the RAF.





Opening the doors

by Ruby Wilson and Caitlin Molloy

HOW recognisable is this simple logo? We got to find out about the company behind the 'house'.

Director Emma Farrow and Sales Negotiator Angela Glynn gave an insight into the company Farrow and Farrow.

Emma said: "Before we sell a house, we have to tidy it and value it. Then we have to take photos and produce a brochure to market it online."

Customers also need support when buying a house, they need help to keep a budget and make sure they don't overspend.

She said "If you want to work here, a qualification helps you stand out and you need GCSEs and A levels as well."



Sailing into your future

by Ruby Wilson and Caitlin Molloy

DO YOU want to look beyond the boundaries of Rossendale for your future career? Do you want to see the world?

Cruise Academy is one company that can do this for you. Owned by Nikki Ingley, this business allows you to continue your study while also getting experience and having an incredible adventure on a cruise ship.

It is great if you are unsure about what you want to be in the future.

The study on board

also saves you money as you do not have to pay for accommodation or food unlike if you go to university.

Nikki's company opens the door on many careers, including management opportunities, finance and accounting.

"Any job that you find in a land hotel, we also offer here. You can also learn about nursing and public health," she said.

Joining Cruise Academy broadens your experiences and allows you to visit places that you never thought you could, such as Hawaii.

Nikki commented: "I loved going to Hawaii,

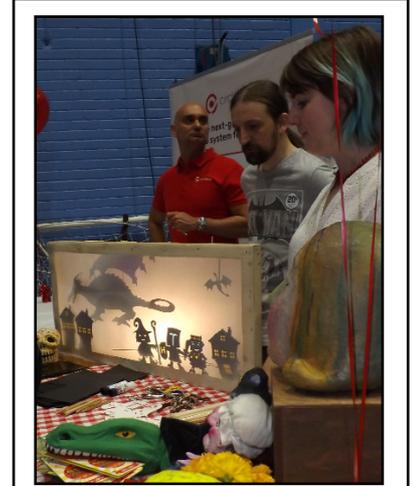
it was a great experience for me."

You also get the chance to sample different cultures both on and off board.

Joining the Academy will help you acquire leadership, communication and teamworking skills as well as general life skills.

You don't necessarily need qualifications or experience to get a job you want to do with Cruise, but you will leave with lots thanks to the on board study.

Why not let Cruise Academy help you to sail the seven seas into your future.



It's 'Boo'-hind you

by Sam Chard and Ned Schofield

A THEATRE company based in Waterfoot, produces shows all over the world.

These shows bring to life the many mystical events that occur in an imaginary world.

The Boo Theatre uses various acting techniques, but the cherry on top is their use of marionettes in a multitude of different ways.

These puppets can vary between complicated to down right simple. This can give life to a crazy situation on a huge or small stage. They can also be used as a silhouette.

Artist Andy Keir said: "I got involved with The Boo as I originally studied animation at University and because there is strong links between that and working with puppets I saw the creativity in this job and went for it."

If you are interested in puppetry, from Friday to this Sunday there is an event called Waterfoot Wakes including a huge parade around Waterfoot.

Ski centre's solo success

by Reeve Lawson and Georgina Davies Heywood

SKI Rossendale's success is going uphill after a social enterprise took control.

Lisa Mack has been a ski instructor at the slope for 28 years and is now duty manager. During that time, she has seen a lot of changes.

Recently the centre has made plans for new clubs targeted at all ages and abilities.

Lisa said: "We are soon to be opening a new restaurant and will also be adding: new ski



hire, new office, changing rooms and lockers.

"For loyal members we offer a fantabulous tubing experience; this is perfect for end of term parties for just £5.

"For anyone new to Ski Rossendale, free sessions are offered for volunteers and taster lessons and clubs are

advertised and readily available."

Skiers have competed in many events both in the North West and nationally.

The instructors have seen four members make the Olympic team and are always willing to take new students and see them set new heights.



Pupil feedback

"It's good to have advice and explore new opportunities." Nicole Smith

"It will definitely benefit my future." Iqra Hussain.

"It's helpful to get advice about what I may do in the future." Megan McCreadie



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