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March 2014

For members of the 1000 Club

1000 CLUB SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE INTO EMPLOYMENT

Welcome to the March Newsletter

It is with great pleasure that I can confirm that the 1000th member was signed up in February.

Elaine Budd, 1000 Club Co-ordinator

A breakfast event is being organised for **21st March at the Holiday Inn** when the 1000th Member will be introduced – **so save the date!**

We will also provide details of how this initiative will evolve alongside the City Deal project implementation and the revised targets for the Club.

All members will receive an invitation shortly.

Welcome to our 35 new members and thank you to all our members and partners that have helped us achieve the following since our launch:

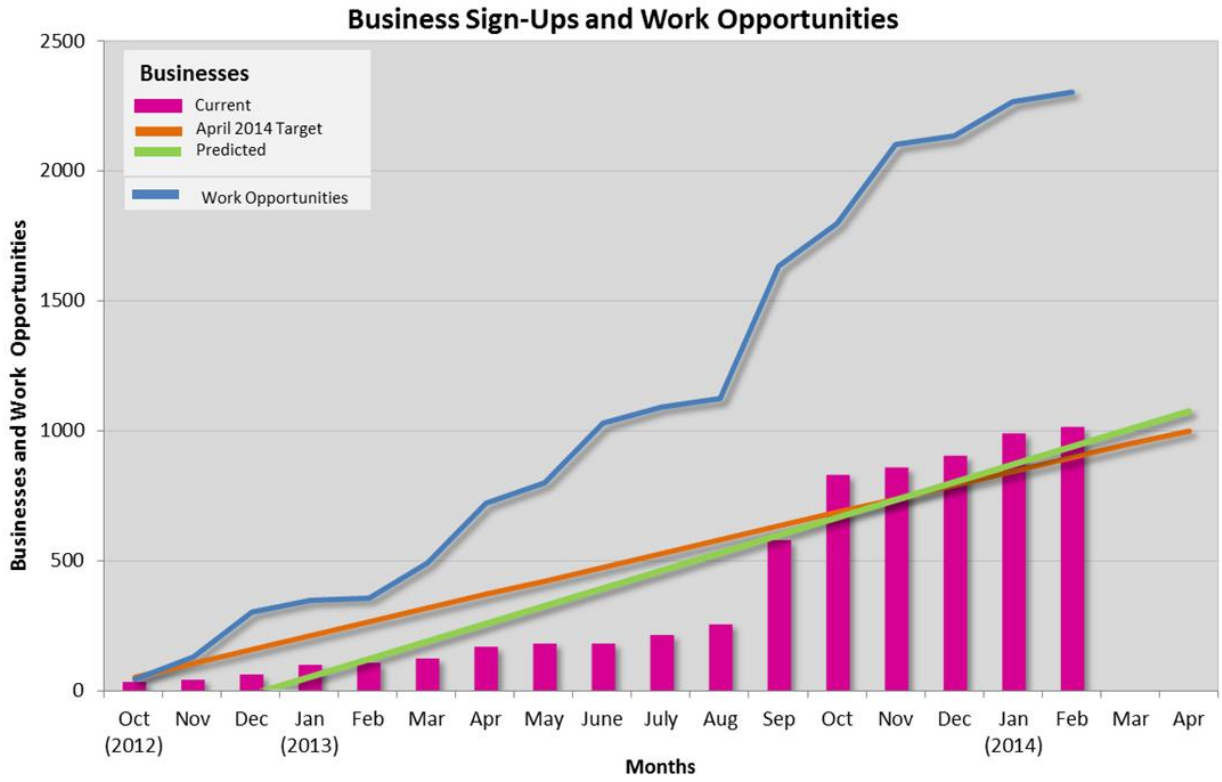
Members – 1027

Job Opportunities - 464
Apprenticeships - 541
Work Experience - 455
Student Work Experience – 611
Graduate Internships - 240

If I can help you with any existing requirements please do not hesitate to contact me on 07712 586060 or email elaine.budd@prensus.co.uk.

Elaine Budd

1000 Club Performance



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Edge Foundation Innovation and Development Fund Launched (UK)

The new £1 million grant programme will support innovation and development within technical, practical and vocational learning. The fund will support projects that create best practice models that have the potential for being scaled or are suitable for replication through dissemination across the sector.

Eligible projects must support the Foundation's Six Steps for Change, and must also address at least two of the following three aims:

- Support the creation of new institutions
- Support the development of profound employer engagement
- Address areas of skills shortages for the UK economy

Applications will be accepted from a wide range of education establishments and not-for-profit organisations, including:

- Schools or Academies
- Further Education Colleges
- Universities
- Registered Charities
- Companies Limited by guarantee
- Community Interest Companies limited by guarantee

Applicants can apply for funding between £50,000 and £100,000.

There will be two application rounds in 2014. The application deadlines for Round One are:
Initial Applications: 7 March 2014 (noon)
Business Plan Applications: 2 May 2014 (noon)
http://www.edge.co.uk/projects/the-edge-foundation-innovation-and-development-fund

We are pleased to invite you to a networking evening
Thursday 6 March
17:30 – 20:00
Rolle Plaza Marquee

EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Plymouth University Main Campus

The networking evening is designed to bring together local businesses and our talented students from a wide range of degree courses to debate talent and leadership in the context of the South West economy. Find out how taking one of our students into a short or long term placement or employing a graduate can help your business no matter the size of your business.
This is a perfect opportunity for you to:

- Meet ***emerging talent*** primed to seek employment
- Find out how Plymouth University can help with ***financial incentives*** to recruit a graduate
- Find out how taking a student on placement could ***benefit your company***

Keynote Speaker

Tony Atkinson from ***leadership*** specialists Gameplans, will be talking about Talent and Leadership and their importance in developing the South West economy. Gameplans are a Devon-based business who blend commercial and military experience with extensive expertise in ***leadership, strategy and coaching.***

Join us for a buffet supper to ***engage*** and ***connect*** with the ***largest university*** in the South West.

Click this link to book your FREE place which includes buffet supper and free parking on campus (*limited spaces on a first come basis*). For further information, please call 01752 587729.

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ENTERPRISE WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Santander

Santander is offering funding to a small number of SMEs towards the cost of employing a graduate intern from Plymouth University

Available now, for a limited period, the Santander UK Universities Programme aims to provide smaller businesses with an injunction of fresh talent not always accessible by firms with limited resources.

Interested?
Call 0800 052 5600 or Email
enterprisesolutions@plymouth.ac.uk

Further Information

city college plymouth

College Students Bring Home the Medals in National Competition

City College Plymouth catering and hospitality students cooked up a storm at a prestigious culinary event, walking away with a host of accolades.

Donning their chefs' whites were a group of City College Plymouth students who competed in various classes in the first heat of the Major Series at South Devon College, Paignton on Friday 7 February.

Read Full Article

Falcon Business Centre with Jobcentre Plus

jobcentreplus Department for Work and Pensions

Invite you to Falcon House to find out more about how Jobcentre Plus can help you meet all your recruitment needs now or in the future.

Jobcentre Plus offers and extensive range of free services to help reduce costs and help grow your business.

Please come and meet the team for coffee and a FREE opportunity to network on:

6th March 08:30-11:00

Falcon Business Centre,
Falcon House,
Eagle Road,
Langage,
Plymouth.
PL7 5JY.

RSVP to **Plymouth.OTCVSMS@dwp.gsi.gov.uk**

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MazingTree
Information • Technology • Support

The benefits for taking on young people

Mazingtree Limited has just taken on two new young employees Alex Barrett, as the IT Engineer (a student in his final year at Plymouth University) and Jane Allan, the Sales and Marketing Assistant (a gap year student).

Both of which are gaining valuable work experience to set them up for the future.

Jane said "It has been invaluable being employed by Mazingtree as the skills and knowledge I have obtained from working here will help me in all future employment".

Both these young people have proven themselves beyond their age being hard working and dedicated employees.

I would like to recommend all businesses give young people a chance to prove themselves."

Jane Allan Mazing Tree Limited

Employers Sought to Support Jobseekers with Interview Skills

One of the major hurdles for a jobseeker is actually making it to interview stage, once there many have little or no experience of job interviews so don't have the confidence or skills to perform well.

To support our jobseekers with their interview skills Jobcentre Plus has recently set up a programme of practice interviews with employers, and we need more employers to deliver mock interviews to jobseekers.

The ask is for employers to give a day of their time, (we currently have dates available from March onwards), where you will deliver mock interviews to approximately 8 jobseekers (ideally from Jobcentre premises but could be your own), providing them with feedback at the end of the interview.

Employers can commit to doing this as a one off or could support on a more regular basis.

If you are able to help with this important initiative please contact

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The Early Years Service within Plymouth City Council has worked with external agencies to provide a Business Event on **Saturday 22 March 2014.**

The event is primarily for childcare providers, it would also be useful for community organisations with a social purpose employing staff. The first part of the day is an Employment Law update provided by ACAS, this is followed by an hours workshop either looking at Social Enterprise or Social Media, the afternoon is then completed with an opportunity to meet a number of different exhibiters.

The cost of the Business Event is **£35.00** which includes a buffet lunch .

For further information please contact Carol Gallini, on 01752 306786 or carol.gallini@plymouth.gov.uk

National Apprenticeship Week Employer Dinner

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, City College Plymouth will be welcoming local, regional and national employers into its modern PL1 Restaurant for an evening of fine dining and celebration on Thursday 6 March at 7.00pm.

The event will welcome Paul Burton, recently appointed Editor of The Herald. Paul started his illustrious career as an apprentice and has since climbed the ladder to recently become Editor of Plymouth's biggest newspaper. Paul will share his career experiences with guests, including his time as an apprentice and working within the fast-paced newspaper industry.

Paul said: "My time as an apprentice was an invaluable induction into the fast-paced and ever-changing newspaper industry and stood me in good stead to develop my career going forward. I would recommend this career pathway to any young person today."

Guests will enjoy a delicious four course meal prepared and served by College hospitality students. Tickets cost just £20 per person and there are limited spaces left. To reserve your place please call City College Plymouth on **01752 305026** or e-mail **employers@cityplym.ac.uk**.

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