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**Be inspired at the Confident Futures Skills Show!**

The [Confident Futures Skills Show](https://bucksskillshub.org/career-seeker/resources/introducing-confident-futures) is Buckinghamshire's most exciting experiential careers event aimed at young people and career seekers with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or those facing barriers to entering the workforce.

On Tuesday 13th June, Confident Futures (formerly the SEND Skills Show) will return to Stoke Mandeville Stadium to connect young people to over 50 employers and next steps providers.

Marina Jackson, from Buckinghamshire Skills Hub, said: “The Confident Futures Skills Show enables young people to explore careers, discover different industry sectors and work out how to achieve their ambitions. But equally, it is an opportunity for employers to inspire the next generation and secure their talent pipeline.”

Marina added: “Our goal is to help every individual find what is right for them, whether that’s higher and further education, training, apprenticeships or employment. We want every young person to experience careers inspiration, no matter what their background or circumstance.”

The NHS, Buckinghamshire Council, Stony Dean School, Mission EmployAble and Talkback are just some of the names on the list of disability confident exhibitors, several of which will also be giving talks on supported internships.

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The experiential careers event is aimed at young people and individuals with SEND, along with parents and carers. Those attending will get the opportunity to interactively engage with organisations and next step providers (universities, colleges and apprenticeship programmes) to find out more about what it is like to work in key industries, what skills and qualifications are needed to get their first job, and what steps they should take between now and applying for a job.

The Confident Futures Skills Show takes place on June 13th at the Bowls Centre, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 9PP. With inclusivity underpinning every element, the sensory-conscious show will run from 10am-12 noon and 1pm-3pm for schools and colleges, followed by a session from 3.30pm-5.30pm which is open to job seekers, career changers, and young people accompanied by their parents. For further information and to book a place, please visit: [www.bucksskillshub.org/career-seeker/resources/introducing-confident-futures](http://www.bucksskillshub.org/career-seeker/resources/introducing-confident-futures).

This event is supported by Skill Up Bucks, a programme designed to help SME businesses in Buckinghamshire identify and nurture future talent by creating opportunities for people aged 17+ to meet and interact with employers. The programme is funded by the European Social Fund and the Department for Work and Pensions.

For extensive skills and careers information, please visit the Bucks Skills Hub website at [www.BucksSkillsHub.org](http://www.BucksSkillsHub.org) or contact one of the skills team at [info@BucksSkillsHub.org](mailto:info@BucksSkillsHub.org) or 01494

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**Photo caption:** *Confident Futures Skills Show* *is aimed at young people and career seekers with special educational needs and disabilities or those facing barriers to entering the workforce.*

**Note to editors**

The [**Buckinghamshire Skills Hub**](https://bucksskillshub.org/) promotes and optimises links between the business community and education/training providers to enable young people and adults to gain valuable insight into career opportunities, and helps them develop the skills and qualifications they need to progress in the workplace at whatever stage of their career they are at.

The Bucks Skills Hub is managed by Buckinghamshire Business First and supported by Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Buckinghamshire Council and the Careers Enterprise Company.

[**Buckinghamshire Business First**](http://www.bbf.uk.com/) (BBF) is the Growth Hub for Buckinghamshire and is backed by Buckinghamshire-based entrepreneurs, thousands of SMEs and Buckinghamshire Council. BBF provides the link between public policy and the business community in Buckinghamshire and works with partners to create a dynamic business environment in the Entrepreneurial Heart of Britain.

The [**Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership**](http://buckstvlep.co.uk/) (Bucks LEP) is a business-led ‘partnership of equals’ between local government and the private sector, building the conditions for sustainable economic growth in the County. Formed in January 2012, the partnership balances a uniquely strong collective business voice with a cohesive elected local leadership. Coming together to engineer the conditions needed to drive forward business prosperity in the county and beyond, Bucks LEP recognises that an important part of this is to support education and skills providers and employers to ensure our young people have the right skills to meet the needs of the economy, including the growth sectors such as life-sciences, space, creative industries and advanced engineering. Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership funded the new [Bucks Skills Hub website](http://www.bucksskillshub.org/) as part of its Covid Recovery Programme.

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