

# Kent & Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony 2024 Press Release

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NEW SPONSORS WELCOME AS 2024 CEREMONY REGISTRATION OPENS



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Registration for the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Kent and Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony at Rochester Cathedral is now open. The 2023 graduation received an overwhelming response, achieving maximum capacity and a long waiting list. Registrations were up 40% on the record set in 2022, causing the ceremony organisers to encourage apprentice graduand registrations asap! New sponsors and supporters are also welcome as the event organisers open the annual call...

**Tudor Price, CEO of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce;** said, “This is the third year that the Chamber has supported the Graduation Ceremony, so it’s fantastic to see the ceremony grow and become a key feature of the county’s business events calendar. Apprenticeships are central to many of the objectives set out in the Local Skills Improvement Plan, across so many industry sectors. I and Chamber colleagues are very much looking forward celebrating and seeing our apprentices achievements recognised as they graduate in October.”

**David Knox, Principal Apprenticeship Lead, The Education People;** said, “We are so proud to be a platinum sponsor of this year’s graduation. As a Ceremony Founder, we have been at the heart of the ceremony’s organisation and it is always amazing to see the excitement of apprentices attending the Cathedral. This is a unique opportunity to celebrate the brilliant range of apprentices from level 2 to level 7 and their apprenticeship achievement, with their families and employers.”

**Brad Levy, Strategic Lead for The Kent and Medway Careers Hub;** said, “We are delighted to support the Kent Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony again this year. The Careers and Enterprise Company exists to help [every young person to find their best next step](#) and are committed to amplifying Apprenticeships, technical and vocational routes for all young people. Celebrating those who have achieved their apprenticeship and discovered their careers pathway is incredibly rewarding to the Hub’s mission and we look forward to our continued support.”

**Michelle Flegg, Workforce Development Strategy Manager, KCC;** said, “Kent County Council is passionate about apprenticeships and is proud to be a sponsor of the Kent & Medway Graduation Ceremony 2024. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of apprentices, employers and training providers and recognise the important beneficial impact they have on the economy and to employers across multiple industry sectors.”

**Pauline Smith, CEO of CXK;** said, “As proud sponsors of the Kent and Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony, we were thrilled to witness a 40% surge in graduates at the 2023 ceremony, held at the beautiful Rochester Cathedral. Apprenticeships are a cornerstone for skill development, providing a unique blend of work, earnings, and learning, whilst addressing the critical skills gap. This celebration goes beyond recognising individual milestones; it shapes a vibrant community of lifelong learners contributing to the Kent and Medway economy. As sponsors, we champion the transformative impact of apprenticeships, reinforcing their role in shaping a highly skilled, motivated, and knowledgeable workforce for the future. The day serves as a golden opportunity to celebrate apprentices, both young and not-so-young, across various apprenticeship levels, highlighting the diverse pathways to success in the world of work.”

**Audrey Edmunds, Competency Assurance Specialist, Grain LNG;** said, “We are very proud of our Apprenticeship Scheme here at Grain LNG and the hard work our young people put into their learning and continued development, by extension supporting the annual K&M Graduation is the logical way for us to appreciate them and the learning providers that are there beside them all the way.”

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Event information including the ceremony 2023 programme, event videos and links to photo galleries are at [www.appgradkandm.org](http://www.appgradkandm.org)

### **Graduation Ceremony Team Organisations**

The partners who are organising this event are: CXK; Careers and Enterprise Company; Canterbury Christ Church University; CiTB, The Education People; Kent Association of Training Organisations (KATO); Kent Further Education (KFE); Medway Council; Rule 5 Solutions; NHS Kent and Medway.

The 2023 event was recorded to ensure as many people could watch the ceremony at their convenience. The video is available via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYzVJb2bZps>

A 1 minute social edit is also on the Apprentice Graduation site: <https://www.appgradkandm.org>  
For further information please contact: Mark Hill via [info@appgradkandm.org](mailto:info@appgradkandm.org)

## 2024 Call for Supporting Funders and Sponsors

The organisers are now open to supporters for 2024. To find out how to support the AppGrad visit the sponsors' page on the Kent & Medway Apprenticeship Graduation [here](#) or see the [sponsor pack](#).

### K&M Apprentice Graduation Ceremony Partners & Sponsors 2024



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