

Kent & Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony 2023

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APPRENTICE GRADUATION 2023 DATE CONFIRMED - ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL



Photo: Graduation Attire

As National Apprenticeships Week draws to a close, the organising partnership for the Kent and Medway Apprentice Graduation Ceremony, are pleased to confirm plans for the return of the event to Rochester Cathedral on 20th October 2023.

The 2022 ceremony, which returned to the Cathedral for the first time since 2019 due to the covid pandemic, saw a record 153 apprentices celebrated for their apprenticeship achievements (a 70% increase on 2019's inaugural event). Other records were also set as 25 training providers and over 80 employers were engaged through the graduation ceremony, many of whom were able to join friends and family in the celebration.

The organising partnership is also pleased to confirm that registration for the 2023 event will shortly open on the 1st March 2023. As in previous years the organisers aim to ensure the ceremony is free to attend for all apprentices from Level 2 to Level 7 Degree apprenticeships.

Early plans also include providing free photography and the popular VIP pre-ceremony reception which was hosted by Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce in 2022. Similarly, to last year the 2023 ceremony will feature highlighted sectors including the NHS (45 NHS graduate employees across a range of support and clinical skills were recognised in 2022).

Dr Anna Morrison CBE, Director of Amazing Apprenticeships; said, "It was a privilege to be part of the 2022 graduation as a guest speaker and an honour to personally present many of the apprenticeship graduates with their certificates in such a beautiful and prestigious setting as Rochester Cathedral. Meeting the apprentices, hearing their inspirational stories and seeing them celebrate their significant achievements amid their family, friends, employers and training providers

was just wonderful. I am sure the graduates for 2023 will also go on to share their stories and inspire others as they really are fantastic role models for Kent and Medway."

Nathan Pascall-Smith, Senior Programme Manager System Workforce / OD (NHS KENT AND MEDWAY(ICB)), said: "Supporting the 2023 Apprenticeship Graduation enabled Kent & Medway health & care apprentices from a wide range of employers across the county, to celebrate and be championed for their successes in Health and Care. The 2022 ceremony included 40 health and care apprentices from Level 3 to Level 7 highlighted for their achievements. We are bringing a new approach to our careers and education engagement strategy to support the sector's workforce development through a new Kent and Medway health and care academy and apprenticeships are a key part of that strategy. We look forward to another successful ceremony in 2023 that sees even more health and care apprentices, from each of the four Health and Care Partnerships, celebrated so wonderfully."

Mark Hill, project manager for the Graduation Ceremony; said, "The hugely successful 2022 ceremony firmly established the ceremony in the county's prestige annual events calendar. Given the amazing response and support given by our many supporters and sponsors, as well as employers and training providers before the ceremony, we are now confident that we will be looking to deliver an even bigger ceremony in 2023. We are now open to identifying our 2023 sponsors and supporters who can join one of the most rewarding events of the year whilst confirming their support for apprenticeships in the county."

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Event information including the ceremony 2022 programme and links to photo galleries is at www.appgradkandm.org



The event was also recorded to ensure as many people could watch the ceremony at their convenience. The video content produced by Media Partner, Iliffe Media Group and is available in full on YouTube: <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

Graduation Ceremony Team Organisations

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

2023 Call for Supporting Funders and Sponsors

The organisers are open to additional sponsors for 2023. To find out how to become a sponsoring organisation and to view the range of sponsor packages available please visit the sponsors page of the Kent & Medway Apprentice Graduation [here](#) or see the [sponsor pack](#).

For more information visit the website at:

www.appgradkandm.org Twitter: @AppGradKandM

Instagram: AppGradKandM or via: info@appgradkandm.org – Mark Hill, [Rule 5 Solutions](#)

Use the hashtag: #AppGradKandM

Who can be registered for 2023?

Any apprentice who has completed their qualification, at any level or discipline, between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 and is either Kent and Medway based or has a Kent and Medway based provider can be nominated. Registration will open in February 2023 and close 1st September 2023.

Who can register apprentices?

Applicants can be registered by their employer, apprenticeship provider or can self-register. Applications will be verified. Places are available on a first come, first served basis. When nominations are made it's essential that all parties involved, apprentice, employer and provider are informed.

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