

WITNESS ORGANISATION INFORMATION

ETEC

EETEC was founded in April 1991 and is a not-for-profit company working with people who are most likely to be excluded in society. EETEC is supported by a number of external agencies including the Learning and Skills Council, Jobcentre Plus, Working Neighbourhood Fund and the European Social Fund. The organisation delivers training courses in a number of vocational areas including Business Administration, ICT, Bricklaying, Joinery and Painting and Decorating. Courses are delivered in workshops, classrooms and computer suites as well as at external venues.

Springboard

Springboard Sunderland Trust is a registered charity. It was founded in 1975 as a joint project between Community Service Volunteers (CSV) and Sunderland City Council. It organises training and volunteering opportunities for 18-24 year olds in areas such as Business Administration, Early Years, Print and Graphic Design, Motor Vehicles, Catering, Care, Sport and Leisure and Horticulture. Springboard works closely with local employers to provide work experience and job opportunities for learners.

ITEC

Sunderland City Information Technology Centre was founded in 1982 and in that time has worked with over 2000 learners. There has been a steady growth in student numbers and the current average number of students trained each year is 130. The organisation provides Apprenticeships and Advanced Apprenticeships in Business Administration, Customer Service, Warehousing & Storage, Electronic Engineering and Information and Communications Technology in both using ICT applications and ICT maintenance and support.

Connexions

Connexions is a free confidential advice and support service for all 13 - 19 year olds (and up to age 25 for people with a learning difficulty or disability). It was set up with the help of young people for young people. Connexions services are funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) through local authorities to offer young people advice and support on a wide range of lifestyle issues including education, training, careers, employment, health and personal development opportunities.

Key Training

Key Training is a national company which was founded in the 1960's. It has branches across the country including Sunderland. It has strong links with employers and other partners and offers apprenticeships in Administration, Customer Service, Retail, Information Technology, Warehousing, Management, Team Leading and Call Handling.

Milltech

Milltech was founded in the 1990's. The organisation has worked to develop strong links with companies throughout the Tyne and Wear area. Many ex-Milltech learners are managers or supervisors within these organisations and take an active role in training new apprentices. Placements are offered for Business Administration, IT, Motor Vehicle and Vehicle Selling, Distributive Operations (Warehousing) and Customer Service. Young people gain practical experience within their chosen industry.