OTC E-News Issue 4





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A few words from Kath Soliman, our C.E.O

As we come to the end of an eventful year at OTC, we can look back and feel a real sense of achievement. We reached the milestone of 50 years as an independent training provider, something quite unique these days. We met ex apprentices and ex staff who had fond memories of their time here. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a very special Apprentice Awards Evening in November and we were proud of these Apprentices and everything they had achieved. As always, our staff are valued for the good work they do in training and mentoring our apprentices and we acknowledge the great teamwork that has been evident this year from all staff, at a time when providers are faced with new challenges in the year ahead.

The government has introduced an apprenticeship levy that will put employers in the driving seat of their workforce apprentices, along with expectations of financial contributions. OTC will continue to support all our employers and are happy to advise them on this. We look forward to the new year 2017 and the introduction of the apprenticeship reforms.

Kath, pictured below (centre) at our recent Awards Evening with our guest speaker Geoff Clarke of Tunnel Engineering Services (left) and David Farrington, OTC Chairman (right)



OTC Prize Award Evening 16th November 2016

Inspiring Learner Award

Winner: Stephen Pryce
Highly Commended: Jonathan Brown
Commended: Thomas Jackson

Career Progression Award

Winner: Amy Partridge Commended: Chris Brooks & Jamie Ripley

Apprentice of the Year Award

Mechanical Manufacturing Engineering

Winner: George Shaw Commended: George McNamara

Fabrication and Welding Engineering

Winner: Rachel Jessop Harrison Smith

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Winner: Adrianne Dineley
Highly Commended: Matthew Saville
Commended: Jonathan Brown

Business Services:

Winner: Declan Kay (Business Admin) Winner: Daniel Branson (Customer Services) Highly Commended: Christopher Walsh

Employer Excellence Award

Winner: Harry McNamara
Highly Commended: Jamie Ripley
Commended: Anthony Williams & Jack Hay

Staff Award for Outstanding Learner Support

Winner: Hassan Deriss
Electrical & Electronic Training Advisor

A special thank-you to the following companies for their generous sponsorship:

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Our 2016 Award winners pictured above

Short Courses Now Available to book for January and February 2017!

Health and Safety

January 2017

- Emergency Paediatric First Aid 10th Jan
- CCNSG Safety Passport 12th,13th Jan
- FLT Novice W/C 16th Jan NOW FULL
- CCNSG Refresher 20th Jan
- CIEH Fire Safety Principles 27th Jan
- 1 Day FLT Refresher 30th Jan

February 2017

- First Aid Refresher 1st and 2nd Feb
- FLT Novice W/C 6th Feb
- 1 Day FLT Refresher 17th / 20th Feb
- IOSH Managing Safely 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th Feb
- Emergency First Aid 9th Feb
- CIEH Manual Handling 10th Feb
- CIEH H&S in Workplace 24th Feb
- PA Testing 24th Feb

People Management and Professional Development

- 'Nip it in the bud' approach to Managing Performance 24th Jan
- An Introduction to Customer Service 26th Jan
- Improving Workplace Communication skills 13th Feb
- Effective Appraisal Skills 16th Feb
- An Introduction to Basic Training Skills 21st Feb
- How to be an Effective Team Leader 22nd Feb
- How to Delegate Tasks Effectively 28th Feb

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We have now extended and updated the benefits you will receive when you sign up for OTC membership, please ask us for our new information pack now!

Health and Safety Consultancy Packages

Have you got your H&S in the workplace adequately covered? Want to find out more? Simply call today to get the full lowdown on our H&S packages available.

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Congratulations to our recent 'Apprentice of the Month' winners!

September 2016

Jonathan Cann - EDM



Jonathan is pictured receiving his award from Su Greaves, our Business Support Services Manager.

October 2016

Jacob Hussain - Gandtrack



Jacob is pictured receiving his award from Kath

<u>Date for your Diary - Friday 10th February 2017</u>

Our next 'Hot Topic Breakfast Seminar Meeting' will be held on Friday the 10th February 2017. This will include a Health and Safety update from Richard Smith, our H&S Consultant. Want to join us?

Please ring now to reserve your free place!



Christmas and New Year Opening Times

The Centre will be closed from 3.30pm on the 23rd December and will re-open at 8am on the 3rd January 2017.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!