

National Work Experience Quality Standard Award for Employers

Keighley specialist riveting system manufacturer, Gesipa has been awarded the National Work Experience Quality Standard for Employers by Education Bradford's Education Business Partnership.

The award recognises those organisations that take their student supervision responsibilities seriously and can offer a quality placement experience. Students completing their experience in accredited companies can expect a planned programme with agreed learning outcomes and honest feedback.

The certificate was presented by Lindsey Johnson, Partnership Officer at the EBP to Managing Director Mike Diesendorf and HR Manager Julie Palfreeman.

Julie said "we allow the students to see the whole operation by spending a little time in each department. We believe they leave us with a better understanding of the industry and which career path they may want to take."

Mike said "we see the Work Experience programme as an additional part of our training and all staff are encouraged to support the students while they are with us."

Lindsey said:" Work Experience is a valuable development opportunity for our young people. There is a rich history of engineering and manufacturing in Keighley. Students placed at Gesipa can see for themselves that there are many worthwhile careers available to them providing they possess the right skills and attributes. We are indebted to Julie and the team for their continued support".

If you would like to offer work experience opportunities or just need additional information please contact the EBP on 01274 385840

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Notes for Editors:

The Quality Standard for Work Experience criteria was set out by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) and was developed by the West Yorkshire Work Experience Regional Consortium (WyWerc)

The Accreditation has been ratified by the Centre for Education & Industry (CEI) at Warwick University

Xperience is the trading name of the Work Experience unit

Bradford Education Business Partnership (EBP), based within Education Bradford, facilitates the school's work experience for Bradford and Leeds delivering 19,000 placements in an academic year

The EBP is charged with all forms of business school engagement including talks in school, site visits and support with individual student or group projects