

## GENERATION WATFORD & THREE RIVERS

### CAN YOUR BUSINESS HELP INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN WATFORD AND THREE RIVERS?

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Watford Leisure Centre - Woodside, Horseshoe Lane, Watford WD25 7HH

Watford and Three Rivers Borough Councils, in partnership with the Hertfordshire Careers Hub (Hertfordshire Futures) have organised an exciting event to highlight opportunities open in Watford & Three Rivers now and in the near future and give young people an opportunity to meet employers. This event, specifically for those attending schools in the Boroughs of Watford and Three Rivers, should help inspire and inform of career opportunities and potentially influence next steps to employment.

The event will take the form of a traditional careers fair attended by employers who will be available to discuss the range of roles and opportunities they can offer. This format presents young people with the chance to gain meaningful encounters with employers and employees whilst also gaining insight into the types of opportunities available to them locally.

The joint Councils would like to invite you or representatives from your organisation to attend the event and inspire local young people to consider a future in your field of work. It is a really great opportunity to share knowledge and advice on how to take a first step in an exciting future career and help boost the number of candidates you as employers can choose from. It is up to all of us to encourage good career choices.

The event will run from 9am to 5:30pm.

A sandwich lunch will be provided and teas, coffees and water available throughout the day.

#### Schedule of events on the day

The event will be split into two parts:

- Part 1) 9:15am – 3pm:

To support the Careers Hub aim of *Removing Barriers*, this part of the event targets students most in need of careers inspiration and aspiration from school years 11, 12 and 13.

Each school has been invited to bring 50+ students to the event who would most benefit. All nine secondary schools within the borough are bringing students; two schools share one-hour slots between 9.15am and 3pm.

TIME SLOT	SCHOOLS ATTENDING (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	NO OF STUDENTS
8:30	Setup time for exhibitors	
9:00	Welcome and Opening Ceremony	
9:15 – 10:15	Two schools	200
10:15 – 11:00	SEN SLOT – Garston Manor, WHC (SEN)	30
11:00 – 12:00	Two schools	150
12:15 – 1:00	LUNCH	
1:00 – 2:00	Two schools	150
2:00 – 3:00	Two schools	200

- **Part 2) 3:30pm – 5:30pm:**

The Careers Fair will be open for all students from any year group from all local schools, West Herts College or any students living in the area but attending schools outside the borough. Parents/carers and teachers are also being encouraged to attend during this time.

All attending exhibitors **are expected to stay until the end of the Twilight session**. If you know that you will not be able to stay beyond the 3pm session please let us know when booking. We will prioritise employers who are able to stay ALL-DAY.

You will be allocated a table and two chairs though we encourage you to stand to interact with students. There are limited places available with power sockets so please advise within the registration whether you will require.

I really hope that you will join us to showcase the range of jobs available in the near future and raise the aspirations of the young people of Watford & Three Rivers. **Please respond directly to [economicdevelopment@watford.gov.uk](mailto:economicdevelopment@watford.gov.uk) to confirm your attendance as an exhibitor.**

The team and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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