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Tees Valley Youth Guarantee Trailblazer



Let's get more young people into employment and training in Redcar and Cleveland.

Tees Valley needs to see 980 more young people in employment to match the UK youth employment rate. Currently, there is a 3.6% gap.

Tees Valley Combined Authority can help your business offer **taster sessions** or **paid work placements** for young people aged 18-21 who are not in education, employment, or training.

You can help get more young people into good, progressive jobs by offering:

- Flexible unpaid work taster sessions for young people to explore what sectors / roles they're
 most interested in.
- Up to £2,000 is available to help you identify dedicated work-based mentors within your team.
- Structured, **paid work placements** (three or six months) to equip young people with the practical experience and skills needed to secure sustainable employment.

Wages will be fully funded meaning there is no financial cost to your business.

Training grants are also available with up to £2,500 towards certified training, qualifications and upskilling.

It's time to show your commitment - sign up today!

Introducing the Welcome to Breastfeed Scheme for South Tees



The new Welcome to Breastfeed Scheme for South Tees has launched to encourage and support public, private and voluntary sector organisations to widen the focus of their customer and visitor services to meet the needs of mothers and children whilst visiting their premises.

The scheme is open to local businesses that are open to the public, the National Breastfeeding Welcome Scheme found that staff trained to support breastfeeding mums were more likely to apply this to all customers and led to an increase in customer satisfaction.

Businesses who sign up to the scheme will be listed on the Council website to help mothers find places in their local area where they will be welcome to breastfeed their child.

If you are interested in taking part in the scheme or would like further information, contact breastfeedingwelcome@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk.

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Help The Junction unlock £30,000 for life changing support



The Junction Christmas Wish - Match The Magic: Pledge by 29th August 2025.

For the first time <u>The Junction</u> are taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge to raise vital funds and change the lives of children and young people across Tees Valley in the upcoming festive season.

This national campaign gives you the opportunity to double the power of your donation, as for one week only, donations made to The Junction through the campaign will be matched \pounds for \pounds , doubling the impact of every gift.

Before the public campaign begins, The Junction need to secure £7,500 in pledges.

For a minimum £100 pledge by the 29th August 2025 your business can help ensure all children have access to the experiences they need to thrive in Tees Valley and help unlock the potential of this exciting opportunity.

Please follow the below link to make your pledge, it only takes a couple of minutes.

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Ørsted's Hornsea 3 leases space at Steel River Quay



Ørsted's Hornsea 3 has signed a lease agreement for up to 300,000 square metres at Steel River Quay at Teesworks.

This huge area is set to play a vital role in the construction of the Hornsea 3 wind farm as it will be used to collect and store key components, such as secondary steel and monopile foundations before they are loaded onto Offshore Wind Installation Vessels.

Jason Ledden, Senior Project Director Hornsea 3, said: "Ørsted's choice of Steel River Quay at Teesworks for Hornsea 3 demonstrates our continued commitment to investing in British infrastructure, growth and jobs. The port is the first in the UK to be specifically designed for the offshore wind industry and we're proud to be its first large-scale users.

Teesworks is home to two of Hornsea 3's contract partners, Severfield and SeAH, with Severfield supplying secondary steel structures, and SeAH supplying one of the wind farm's monopile suppliers.

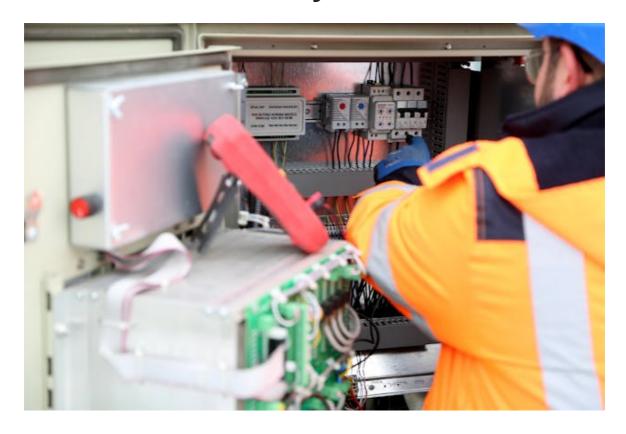
As well as being specially designed for offshore wind industry standards, Steel River Quay is in close proximity to Hornsea 3.

For more information, please see the link below.

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Business support opportunities

Tees Valley Net Zero



Delivered by Decerna the fully funded Tees Valley Net Zero programme is back to support your business on its decarbonisation journey.

The programme provides a range of support to help your business fully integrate sustainability into your daily operations and make even greater carbon reduction and cost savings, available to new enquiries and businesses who worked with Decerna on the previous programme.

Support includes:

 Carbon Emissions Tool – Calculate your baseline carbon footprint and track progress year on year.

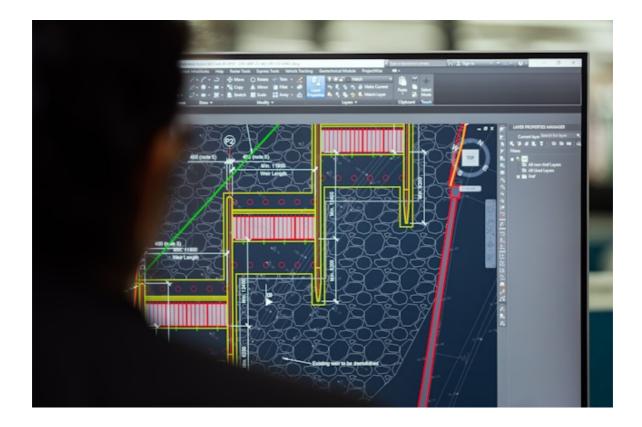
- Decarbonisation Plan Take meaningful steps to achieve real-world emissions reductions and hit your Net Zero targets.
- Change at Work: Practical Help Get hands-on advice to implement change across your team.
- **Sustainable Manufacturing** Expert guidance to help cut waste and improve efficiency.
- **Energy Audit** In-depth analysis to identify energy-saving opportunities with expert support.
- Access to Finance Explore funding available to bring your plans to life.
- **Build Your Knowledge** Discover factsheets and videos on a wide range of decarbonisation topics, focused on what you can implement to save energy in your business.
- **Sustainable Business Network** Learn from industry experts, share ideas, develop new contacts, and hear about other businesses' experiences.

Sign up to this year's Tees Valley Net Zero programme below.

Support is fully funded for Redcar and Cleveland businesses by the UK Government via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and delivered by Decerna on behalf of the Tees Valley Mayor, Business Board and Combined Authority.

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Made Smarter Adoption North East



Redcar and Cleveland manufacturers looking to become more efficient and implement digital technology into your business are invited to take part in the latest Made Smarter Adoption North East programme which includes the opportunity to apply for up to £23,500 in grant funding to help purchase and implement new software/equipment (up to 50% of the overall cost).

- Get hands on help to develop a digital roadmap for your business wherever you're at on your digital journey.
- Innovation Vouchers worth up to £500 are available to help you access expert advice from an industrial digital technology specialist.
- Grants of up to £23,500 are available to help you purchase and implement new software and/ or equipment (up to 50% of the overall cost).

Find more information on the programme and range of support to make your manufacturing business more efficient and productive below.

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'DigitalTowns' platform launched to help Tees Valley businesses



A Tees Valley-based entrepreneur has launched a self-funded initiative to help 100 businesses across Tees Valley accelerate their digital transformation.

Through their new platform, DigitalTowns.ai, they're offering 100 free microsites, each worth £500, at no cost to local businesses.

This offer is aimed at helping small and independent businesses modernise their digital presence, get found more easily online, and prepare for future AI-powered tools, regardless of whether they already have a website.

For more information and to claim your free place on the platform, click on the link below.

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Supply Chain Opportunities



Northern Endurance Partnership (NEP) is the UK's largest offshore subsea carbon capture project.

bp is the operator of the NEP project on behalf of the partners bp, Total and Equinor.

Find upcoming tender opportunities for the project on the **Energy Pathfinder** platform.

Our supply chain opportunities webpage below will be updated with opportunities close to their estimated tender date.

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Land and property opportunities

Community Building to Let in South Bank



An opportunity to lease the Harcourt Road Community Building unit located between the town of South Bank and Skippers Lane Industrial Estate has come to tender through Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

Internally, the 1,377 Sq. Ft property is arranged over one level, offering a large open plan space with a kitchen, WC facilities and storage.

Externally the property has a small car park with separate pedestrian access and circa 5.4 acres of recreation ground /playing pitch space.

The facility has been identified for use as a football ground; however, other uses could be considered, all subject to planning permission as may be required.

The deadline for tenders to be submitted is by 12 noon on 1st August 2025.

For more information on this tender please see below.

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Commercial unit to Let in Guisborough



An opportunity to lease a commercial unit within Guisborough Town Hall has come to tender through Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

Set within the historic market town, this commercial unit is located on the ground floor of the historic Grade II* listed building.

With a total of 579 Sq. Ft, this unit boasts an open plan commercial space, service area, storage and kitchen space.

The deadline for tenders to be submitted is by 12 noon on 22nd August 2025.

For more information on the opportunity, see below.

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Events

Mental Health Awareness Car Meet at Teesside Autodrome



Date: Saturday 26th July **Time:** 5:00pm to 8:00pm **Venue:** Teesside Autodrome

Join Teesside: Motorsports this July for an evening of cars, karting, café vibes, and open conversation. Whether you're here for the horsepower, the food, or to just feel part of something, this night is for everyone.

- Car Meet Open to all
- Karting Sessions Book in and blast off
- Café open all night Food, drinks & good company
- Andy's Man Club On site with support, info & a friendly face

We're teaming up to create a space that's more than just a meet — it's a place to connect, talk, and support each other.

Save the date and contact hello@teessidemotorsports.co.uk for more information.

Teesside Expo – Autumn 2025



Date: Thursday 18th September

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm **Venue:** Riverside Stadium

Join us in the Autumn at the Teesside Expo – the region's premier business networking and showcase event!

Taking place on Thursday, 18th September 2025, this dynamic Autumn exhibition will take place at the Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough and will be an unmissable day of business opportunities, brand exposure, and valuable connections.

If you would like to register to exhibit, costs are detailed below. Alternatively, you can book your FREE delegate ticket for the event.

- 70+ innovative exhibitors showcasing the latest products and services
- Two expert-led seminar areas packed with insightful talks
- Dedicated networking zones to meet potential clients, partners, and industry leaders
- On-site refreshment areas to keep you fuelled for success

Whether you're looking to raise your profile, generate leads, or gain industry insights, this bi-annual event is the go-to destination for businesses across the region.

Showcase Your Business in the Autumn

Looking to boost your brand, increase awareness, and expand your network—all at an affordable cost? Our upcoming business show is the perfect opportunity to connect with potential clients and industry leaders.

Why Exhibit?

- Increase brand visibility
- Build valuable business connections
- Gain exposure at a low cost

Stand Options:

Standard Space: £250 + VAT Premium Space: £300 + VAT

View the LIVE **Interactive Floorplan** to see available stands and discover who's already booked!

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