

Buckinghamshire
 Thames Valley LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
 THE ENTREPRENEURIAL HEART OF BRITAIN

BUILDING CONDITIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE ENTREPRENEURIAL HEART OF BRITAIN




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KEY DATA (UKCES 2014)

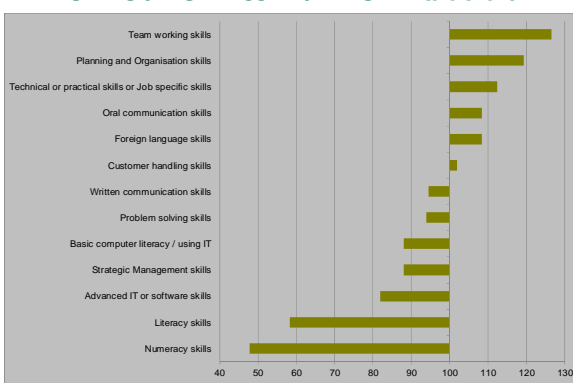
- 77% of Buck's employers are satisfied with the work readiness of young people, but this is among the lowest of the 39 LEPs
- 7% of companies report skills gaps, the highest proportion among LEPs
- 64% of companies with skills gaps most commonly cite technical or practical skills or job specific skills

Problem Solving/Decision Making



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SKILLS GAPS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE (UKCES 2014)



Skill Category	Number of Gaps (Approximate)
Team working skills	125
Planning and Organisation skills	120
Technical or practical skills or Job specific skills	115
Oral communication skills	110
Foreign language skills	105
Customer handling skills	100
Written communication skills	95
Problem solving skills	90
Basic computer literacy / using IT	85
Strategic Management skills	80
Advanced IT or software skills	75
Literacy skills	65
Numeracy skills	55

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OUR VISION FOR SKILLS

Our vision is to work in partnership to build a world class, sustainable system for preparing young people for the world of work, for inspiring young people to attune their career aspirations to the future needs of the economy and for directing them to make the right choices to get them there.

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THE CURRENT PRIORITIES

- Improve the work readiness of young people
- Develop a more effective local system of careers advice and guidance
- Continue to develop the number and range of apprenticeship opportunities within Buckinghamshire and develop a much wider range of opportunities for higher and degree level apprenticeships
- Improve the market intelligence about the local labour market
- Provide a reference point for future skills needs
- Promote a skills system that is more responsive to the needs of local employers

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FOCUS & WORK TO DATE: THE BUCKS SKILLS HUB

An innovative platform to enable educators to get more out of their interactions with business

Influenced by

- Leading priority, national and local: to enhance employer involvement in education
- January workshop for schools and colleges
- Funding opportunity
- Partnership contribution
- Area ripe for productivity gains



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