

Welcome to our first employers newsletter

It's great to have you here and hope you subscribe! Our updates will be short, useful, and (hopefully) something you'll look forward to. We are going to featuring some of the great employers we work and feel free to say hi - we would love to hear from you.



Insights and updates - straight to your inbox

Have your say - our next employers forum

We're excited to announce our second Employers Forum – a dedicated space designed for collaboration, discussion, and insight-sharing among employers. Look out for your invitation to join us online and let's build a stronger employer community together. Our next forum will be on 13th January 2026 and we look forward to seeing you there!

Anytime Apprenticeships

Most of our apprenticeships can start at any time of the year as we are not restricted to the academic year. We can be more flexible as most day-release training is delivered by our own tutors from our centres in Portslade and Eastbourne.

We will:

- advertise your vacancy
- assess and shortlist applicants and arrange interviews
- monitor and assist your apprentices towards their qualifications

Our Ofsted

We are delighted to share some exciting news following our Ofsted inspection. We achieved an overall Grade 2 Good, with an Outstanding Grade for Behaviours and Attitudes.

Highlights from the report included:

- Apprentices highly value their learning experience and are motivated to achieve.
- Employers receive consistent support and guidance to ensure apprenticeships add value to their workforce.
- SIGTA staff are recognised for their high expectations, strong safeguarding culture, and close employer engagement.

This outcome reflects the dedication of our staff, the commitment of our apprentices, and the ongoing partnership we enjoy with local employers. It also underlines the confidence that businesses can place in SIGTA to deliver audit-safe, Ofsted-assured apprenticeship provision.



What's coming up?

Join us for our **Employers Forum** on 13th January 2:25-3:15

contact mdriscoll@sigta.co.uk for your invitation to our online event.

First Aid Training in December

We have three or four spaces left on our three day **First Aid at Work** course – 2, 8 & 10th or

Five spaces on two day First Aid Refresher course on 16 & 17 December.

Apprenticeships for 2026

January Cohort 2026: Planning is underway if you are **recruiting apprentices**. Secure your space now to guarantee access to our next wave of talent.

They could be:

- Team Leaders
- Business Administrators
- Customer Service
- Lean Manufacturing Operatives

[Visit our employers page for more information](#)

Apprenticeships

Mike Driscoll

We're excited to introduce the newest addition to our team – Mike, who has joined us as Internal Quality Assurer (IQA).

Mike is supporting us by providing internal quality assurance services across our apprenticeship provision and helping SIGTA to drive continuous improvement within teaching and learning. An engineer by trade, Mike has amassed many years working in education and training in various operational and strategic roles and works extensively with award organisations, professional institutions, and other stakeholders.

Every vacancy gets a video

We make a short video to promote each apprenticeship vacancy for our SIGTA member companies. Here's the last one produced for West Instruments of Brighton who have recruited an apprentice Engineering Fitter through SIGTA. Click on the logo.



Apprenticeships are not just for school leavers!

Things have changed and now many of our apprentices are mature learners. They could be moving into new roles within the organisation or upskilling. These funded apprenticeships are becoming more and more popular. Get in touch if you want to know more.

A qualified workforce

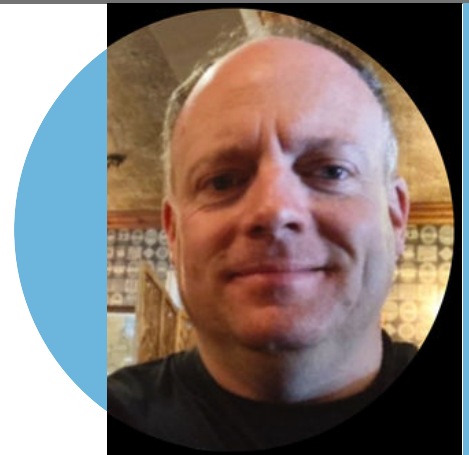
We offer NVQs for your workforce – completed in the workplace. This popular award recognises the abilities of individuals in your workforce. NVQs demonstrate an individual's true skills and our training officers will help your personnel achieve this nationally recognised qualification. Click [here](#) to view the range of NVQs that we deliver.

Remember

We don't just offer technical apprenticeships! Alongside our core engineering apprenticeships, SIGTA now delivers business-focused programmes, which can be enrolled continuously throughout the year. Think business admin, customer care, supervisor, team leader...

That's all folks from us for this year so have a great holiday and see you in the New Year.

**WE CLOSE FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER AND
RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026**



Short Courses coming up

First Aid

- First Aid at Work: 2, 3 & 9 March
- First Aid Refresher: 12 & 13 Jan, 23 & 24 Feb, 23 & 24 March
- Annual First Aid Update (Certified First Aiders Only)
- Emergency First Aid 9 March
- Catastrophic Bleeds/Trauma Training
- Automated Extended Defibrillator (AED)
- Mental Health First Aid – half day
- Mental Health First Aid – two day

Also available

- Manual handling
- Forklift truck/MEWPS/HIAB
- Safe slinging
- Power press setter regulations
- Safety in the use of abrasive wheels
- Display screen equipment
- Introduction to risk assessment
- Fire Warden
- Health and safety awareness
- Safety representatives
- Working at height
- Ladder and Stepladder safety
- Confined spaces awareness
- Spillage response
- Banksman / Traffic Marshal training

*Book soon as
places are limited*