

# Destinations Expo the go-to place for careers

## 1,200 school pupils visit EBP fair of employers and education providers

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**AROUND** 1,200 West Berkshire students visited the district's largest interactive careers fair last Thursday.

Destinations Expo, run by the Education Business Partnership (EBP), welcomed schools from across the district for the third time at Newbury College.

More than 60 employers, universities and further education providers had stands in The Street, The Hub and Sports Hall with information to help GCSE, college and sixth form students decide what training or career to pursue next.

EBP CEO Kate Barrow and principal and chief executive of Newbury College Iain Woloff welcomed the companies before the event got under way.

The schools that attended included the Castle School, Mary Hare, JCollege Independence, Kennet (including Physical Disability Resource), Little



Newbury College Student With SMS Tracey Mcguire-Brown, Oscar Tarbox and director David Brown  
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Heath, Brookfields, Trinity Denefield, The Downs, St Bart's, The Millhouse Therapeutic School, Park House and Theale Green.

Speaking after the event, project officer for EBP Georgina Curtis-Read said: "It went fantastically well.

"We had lots of lovely students. Reading their feedback

forms, they've said it was inspiring.

"One of the most popular stands today was the company creating road markings in the Sports Hall.

"Young people won't always appreciate that is something they can make a career out of.

"They've got a better idea now of their future pathway,

which is our mission, so we feel like we've achieved that.

"Let's show young people that the world is their oyster and that there are so many different jobs they can make a career out of."

And reflecting on what was new at this year's event and what the charity wants to see more of next year, she added: "This year we were really pleased with the diversity.

"We had the *Newbury Weekly News*, which was lovely, and a performing arts college and the National Film and Television School (based in Buckinghamshire).

"We were missing the creative industries.

"We've always done very well with the STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) sector around here with Xtrac and AWE, but we were really missing the creative industries, so we saw more of that this year.

"We would always welcome more diversity."

The new Independent Film Tax Credit, confirmed by the Chancellor and Culture Secretary as the 66th BFI London Film Festival began on October 9, will mean productions with a budget up to £15m will be eligible for a relief of 53 per cent on qualifying expenditure for the first time.

Films with a budget of up to £23.5m are also eligible for the credit and the relief will be tapered.

The creative industries generate £125bn a year. The UK film sector is already worth £1.36bn and employs more than 195,000 people.

The careers fair also coincided with the Government's Employment Rights Bill, which proposes to ban exploitative zero-hours contracts, end fire and rehire practices and offer workers protection from unfair dismissal.

But other items like the proposed 'right to switch off' which would have prevented employers from contacting staff outside working hours, are not included in the bill.

The commitment to create a 'single status of worker', which aimed to boost protection for self-employed workers, is also not in the bill.



Student visiting the Newbury Weekly News stand, where reporter Mirek Cosney was on hand to give advice  
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Howden's stall at Newbury College  
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More than a 1,000 students attended this year's careers fair  
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Both items featured in [turl.at/Js44k](http://turl.at/Js44k) to get involved in next year's careers fair.

The EBP, based at Shaw House, has brought businesses, schools and colleges together in and around Berkshire, Wiltshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire through organising careers fairs, workshops and work experience placements for more than 30 years.

The Destinations Expo will return on Thursday, October 9, 2025.  
Please contact <https://shorturl.at/Js44k> to get involved in next year's careers fair.

**FILM AT THE CORN EXCHANGE NEWBURY CINEMA**

**FRI 11 - SUN 27 OCT**

**TICKETS**  
Full price: £9.80 | Concession: £6.30  
Parent & Babies / Dementia Friendly / Silver Screen / Reduced: £6.30  
Midweek matinee (Mon - Thu, before 16:00) Full price: £7.80 | Concession: £6.30  
Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) Full price: £32 | Midweek matinee: £24  
Family Film / Tois Cinema £3.50  
Live / Encore Screenings Full price: £17.75 | Concession: £15.75  
Full film synopses, ticket information and booking information can be found at [cornexchange.com/film](http://cornexchange.com/film)

Date	Time	Film	Age	Price
Fri 11 Oct	17:00	Lee (15)	15	14.30
	20:00	My Old Ass (15)	15	17.20
Sat 12 Oct	10:30	Family Film: Disney Jr. Cinema Club (U)	U	19.45
	14:00	Paddington 2 (PG)	PG	16.30
Sun 13 Oct	17:00	Lee (15)	15	12.30
	20:00	My Old Ass (15)	15	15.60
Tue 15 Oct	14:00	In Resilient Dreams: The Music of Paul Simon (12A)	12A	18.00
	11:00	Matthew Bourne's Edward Scissorhands (PG)	PG	14.00
Wed 16 Oct	14:30	R100 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (2024) (AS LVE:12A)	12A	11-30, 19-45
	18:00	Lee (15)	15	14.30
Thu 17 Oct	10:15	R100 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (2024) (AS LVE:12A)	12A	11-30, 19-45
	14:30	Lee (15)	15	14.30
Fri 18 Oct	14:30	Endurance (2024) (PG)	PG	14.30
	17:20	Widow Clicquot (15)	15	19.45
Sat 19 Oct	10:30	Joker: Folie à Deux (15)	15	16.30
	12:30	Family Film: Disney Jr. Cinema Club (U)	U	12.30
Sun 20 Oct	15:00	Paddington (PG)	PG	15.00
	18:00	Endurance (2024) (PG)	PG	18.00
Wed 23 Oct	14:00	R100 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (2024) (AS LVE:12A)	12A	11-30, 17-20
	11:00	Widow Clicquot (15)	15	14.00, 19-45
Thu 24 Oct	11:00	Joker: Folie à Deux (15)	15	11-30
	14:30	R100 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (2024) (AS LVE:12A)	12A	11-30, 19-45
Fri 25 Oct	10:15	Joker: Folie à Deux (15)	15	16.45
	14:00	Tears For Fears Live (A Tripping Point Film) (PG)	PG	20.00
Sat 26 Oct	14:30	The Wild Robot (U)	U	14.30
	20:00	Shaun of the Dead (15)	15	20.00
Sun 27 Oct	10:30	Family Film: Disney Jr. Cinema Club (U)	U	10.30
	13:00, 15:30	The Wild Robot (U)	U	13.00, 15.30
Sun 27 Oct	20:00	(A Tripping Point Film) (PG)	PG	20.00
	14:00	LA Tripping Point Film (U)	U	14.00
Sun 27 Oct	14:00	Wot Which Giant Fairy (U)	U	14.00
	14:00	The Wild Robot (U)	U	14.00

**FILM CLUB** Catching all film fans' attention our Film Club for people aged 14 to 40+ opens an evening of enjoying the cinema film and pop! Follow film fans after the screening for an informal chat in our Bar.

**FAMILY FILM** Join us for our Saturday morning screenings for young children and their adults. For just £3.50 per ticket. You can also purchase a fun snack and craft bag to enjoy alongside the film or take home with you.

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More than 60 employers, universities and further education providers set up stands

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