New Video Charts Progress of Opus Energy’s Apprentices

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The videos - available on Opus Energy's Youtube Channel - chart the NVQ Apprenticeship Scheme that the company launched in February with the aim to help develop talent and source applicants with potential, even if they do not necessarily possess the relevant experience. Applications were sought from individuals with a genuine passion about working in the energy sector, a true drive for providing the best customer care and the ambition to develop and learn within Opus Energy.

Opus Energy has tailored each NVQ Diploma to suit its specific recruitment requirements. The company have worked closely with First4Skills, a leading UK training provider, to build a strong and effective training course for the apprentices. Four apprenticeships were appointed at the launch of the scheme across two vital roles within Opus Energy: Apprentice Customer Service Administrator – Diploma in Business Administration (Level 2) and Apprentice Customer Service Advisor – Diploma in Customer Service (Level 2). Since then, three further apprentices have been placed within the company.

Opus Energy is delighted to able to offer more than double the usual apprenticeship starting salaries for those in its Apprenticeship Scheme. Heather Jones, Customer Service Apprentice at Opus Energy, said: “I decided to start an apprenticeship scheme because I didn’t go to university, so I thought it would be good to get some more qualifications. I chose to apply for the Opus Energy Apprenticeship Scheme because you’re on a proper wage than the minimum.”

Commenting on the Scheme, Annamarie Petsis Jones, Head of HR, Learning and Development at Opus Energy said: “We’ve found that the Apprenticeship Scheme is a great way to grow our team and find new, enthusiastic staff who can help us offer an exceptional service to our customers. The apprentices are getting on amazingly well and it is wonderful to see them all developing. We look forward to creating more videos over the next few months to chart their progress.”

Account Director of First4Skills, Clare Green, added: “First4Skills is delighted to be supporting Opus Energy’s apprentices by offering them nationally recognised qualifications. This video encompasses how valuable Opus Energy’s Apprenticeship Scheme has been in bringing new talent into the company.”

The apprentices will complete their Diplomas in the spring, after which Opus Energy will offer them the chance to move onto the next level of the Diploma. Further videos will be released to show the apprentices’ progress.

More information about Opus Energy’s NVQ Apprenticeship Scheme can be found on the careers page of the website.
About Opus Energy

Opus Energy is the UK’s leading business energy supplier. With offices in Oxford and Northampton, the company employs 450 people.
Over 140,000 UK business sites across all sectors are supplied by Opus Energy. Customers include: CfBT Education Trust, Stagecoach, Pizza Hut and Virgin Media.
The management team has a 50 per cent stake in the business, while International Power Plc holds 30 per cent and Telecom Plus Plc has 20 per cent.
Opus Energy works in partnership with charities and community organisations. Activities in 2012 include a pledge to raise £20,000 for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust, and award a £10,000 bursary to local community groups.
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