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### Work Experience Week 2016 - dates announced

#### Tuesday 9 February, 2016

This year's Work Experience Week will take place from 10th-14th October.

Co-ordinated by national charity Fair Train, developers of the national <u>Work Experience Quality Standard</u> accreditation, Work Experience Week is dedicated to raising awareness of the life changing benefits of all types of high quality work experience.

The week is a fantastic opportunity for organisations across the country to host activities showcasing their work experience provision, and to demonstrate the difference a high quality placement can make to an individual's employment prospects and life.

Last year's Work Experience Week reached over two million people. It was launched at a prestigious event at the House of Commons, and saw hundreds of events taking place around the country, with support from high profile employers such as Sky and National Grid.

Beth Gardner, CEO of Fair Train said: "We are working with a range of employers and learning providers who really see the merit in offering work experience - this is a chance for them to showcase the positive work they are doing and to encourage even more organisations to realise the benefits of work experience.

Work Experience Week can help to raise awareness and increase the number of high quality placements available, including Traineeships, volunteering, internships, and of course, Apprenticeships, which the Government is keen to deliver on.

The week has grown year-on-year and we anticipate this year to be the biggest yet, so put the date in your diary and join us in recognising the value of high quality opportunities to employers and learners alike."

Visit <u>www.fairtrain.org</u> for information on how to get involved and join in the conversation using #WEWeek2016.

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