

Milton Keynes businesses urged to apply for training fund

Mark Lancaster MP for Milton Keynes North has welcomed further investment to help companies set up the training schemes they need to meet specific skill requirements.

£150 million has been put into the second round of the Employee Ownership Pilot (EOP), a scheme designed to get funding directly to employers so that they can deliver more flexible training packages. Total investment in the EOP has now reached £240 million.

This pilot has already seen £2.9 million committed to projects across the South East. Funded projects include providing pre-employment training, extending apprenticeships to supply chains and increasing the number of female apprenticeships.

Welcoming the announcement, Mark said:

'Investing in employee training is a smart move for any company that wants to grow and compete. Businesses in Milton Keynes have many talented staff and I urge them to apply for this fund to help them offer their workforce the training they want.'