

We want to help kickstart a career

AN organisation which represents and advises more than 2,000 businesses across the Bristol area is recruiting an apprentice to join its own ranks.

GWE Business West has offices all across the West Country, with a Bristol base at Abbots Leigh from which it provides a voice for the business communities to help them thrive and prosper. Now it is looking to take on a business administration apprentice.

Phil Smith, managing director of GWE Business West, said: "It's important to give local young people work and the opportunity to develop business skills.

"The combination of qualification and the hands-on workplace learning that apprenticeships offer is a good, practical beginning to a career.

"As with all new employees coming into GWE Business West, an apprentice will add value and bring a fresh perspective with new ideas."

GWE wants to recruit a young person who already has some work experience and an NVQ level 1, and who is now ready to start an NVQ level 2 in business administration.

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The role will involve general administration duties, from dealing with phone calls and e-mails to arranging meetings and producing documents.

The apprentice will start on £95 a week, with the potential to increase this as the apprenticeship goes on.

Mr Smith said: "As a leading private business organisation and significant employer in the South West, we invest and rely on our people and their skills and experience to drive our business forward.

"An apprenticeship in busi-

ness administration could lead to a number of future careers in a range of industries, and we hope their time with us will open up a range of opportunities, either within our business or with a new employer.

"As well as shaping and supporting economic growth here and now, GWE Business West is a visionary organisation that takes a long-term view.

"Part of this is the development of the business leaders of the future."

For more information, call GWE Business West on 01275 373 373 or visit www.gwebusinesswest.co.uk.

The *Evening Post's* campaign is to get 100 businesses across the Bristol area to offer young people the chance to work with them as apprentices. The campaign is aimed at companies of all sizes, across every industry.

If you are a business looking to take on an apprentice, or a young person keen to start an apprenticeship, email d.harris@bepp.co.uk.

For more information on apprenticeships, how to run one or to apply, call the National Apprenticeship Service on 08000 150 600 or visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk.



Business voice: Phil Smith of GWE Business West

Centre and hospice in partnership

THE Willow Brook Centre in Bradley Stoke has announced that its chosen charity for 2010/11 is St Peter's Hospice.

The charity runs Bristol's only adult hospice in Brentry, caring for local people with incurable illnesses.

Willow Brook Centre manager Scott Lahive said: "St Peter's Hospice provides such a wonderful service to the community, we will do everything we can to help raise as much money as possible. It's a pleasure to partner such a caring and pro-active charity."

Wenda Hillier, community fundraising co-ordinator at St Peter's Hospice, said: "We are absolutely delighted that we will be working with the staff and customers of the Willow Brook Centre.

"It's such a popular place and with so many people visiting it every day it will be a fantastic opportunity for not only raising money for Bristol's only adult hospice but also making as many people as possible aware of the work we do. We'd like to thank Scott and his team for giving us this great opportunity."

Over the coming year there will be at least 12 designated collection days, a money spinner, promotional banners, free use of a shop kiosk and collaboration on many of the events that take place in the centre.

Initial collection day dates are September 24 and 25 and December 8.

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