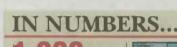
Hopes are high that jobs fair could wipe out unemployment across Chelmsford



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Chelmer's al fresco

JOB hunters are being urged to attend a "game-changing" careers fair that could wipe out unemployment in the plans to double its 350-

snapped up.
Chelmsford JobCentre Plus has teamed up with Chelmsford College and the city council to organise an employment extravaganza that aims employment extravaganza to recruit o encourage leading firms to recruit

skilled local people.

World-renowned technology firm e2v and retail giant John Lewis are just two employers invited to next Friday's Jobs and Skills in our City event, hosted at the Meadows Shopping Centre, with organiser Steve Hyde saying it could drastically alter

in Our City

the city's employment landscape.

The JobCentre Plus employer advisor said: "Chelmsford is really going places and our event strapline of 'new city, new job, new future' really reflects that notion. "The city's infrastructure is con-

stantly improving, more and more houses are being built and with companies like John Lewis coming to the city, it's just a fantastic opportunity.

Mecca

"This event is a great way for people to meet employers in an informal set-ting, out of the office environment.

"Hopefully it will allow job hunters o be themselves, network and get to know prospective employers, which can often be an intimidating prospect

788 people out of work in the city constituency, which equates to just 1.2

open this autumn – and a host of firms clamouring to set up shop in the city, thelmsford is becoming overloaded

with vacancies.
Chelmsford MP Sir Simon Burns told the Chronicle he will be attending





APPRENTICE: Leah Reuben

The latest government figures show ing representatives from the NHS, member for planning and economic logistics firm the Woodland Group, development and strategic housing at people in the Chelmsford borough and McDonalds, First Bus as well as Chelmsford City Council, added: "I Stansted Airport recruiters. imaging One 19-year-old who knows all about industrial indu

per cent of the workforce.

But with the £120 million John
Lewis development on the horizon—
the Bond Street retail mecca is set to

the apprenticeship process is former Sandon School pupil Leah Reuben, who started at the Woodland Group in September.

the apprenticeship process is former Canada and this is a great way to match them.

"It's good for the city to see what skills are on offer out there to help Invaluable plug the gaps. If people don't turn up, they'll never know what they're missing out on. I do see a lot of vacancies

from Great Baddow, said: "People dis-regard these schemes because of the advertised at the moment and I don't see any reason why they shouldn't be low wage, but the practical experience

for our city and people should grab it leagues are really supportive. I apprenticeships.
with both hands. I attended a similar couldn't recommend an apprentice when the similar event last year and there will be a lot of ship enough because it has given me

unemployment figures over the last few years, but that doesn't mean to say that we should become complacent." master plan for the 2021 to 2036 period, to build 14,000 new homes, which city and anyone is down and see us."

Event organisers have invited a population to more than 200,000. total of 12 employers to the fair, includ-

imagine there are gaps in certain industries that desperately need spe-

tow wage, but the practical experience
the event on Friday, February 5, which
runs from 10am to 4pm, and hopes
residents don't shirk the opportunity
to find work.
He said: "This is a great opportunity
He said: "This is a great opportunity
How wage, but the practical experience
I'm getting is invaluable and I hope to
stay on here when I'm doing something
more productive than sitting in a
classroom all day and all my colthere talking about the benefits of Sian Thomas, of Chelmsford College, said: "We will be there for

extremely helpful people there.

"We are fortunate in Chelmsford in that we have seen a steady decline in continues to create its housing we've got employment opportunities from the health care sector to logistics, manufacturing and construction.

"Chelmsford is a modern, thriving

citibank

TAKING PART...

event, the same number as are out of work in city



WHAT YOU SAY...

Reporter Tom Bage interviewed people outside Chelmsford's JobCentre Plus.

Laurent Gilmore, 29, Writtle,

"Even though locate work in

work isn't very varied, it's all very office-based stuff. With respect that can be, to some people, quite basic. But with the high demand for office-

based work at the moment I may be find that everyone seems to be about making the same applications. "Although I find myself in the privilege of having had a higher

finding the same difficulties as to do."

which I am afflicted to at this

George Scholes, 23,

Springfield Road "The fair is going to give

hard to get a

not trying hard

Adam

going into the fair with an open mind as that's what you have "Some jobs within our

Healthcare and digital industries represented

epresents industries such as and IT, is another service for a variety of sectors

via its Education & Industry STEM programme.

Alison Calnan, of Ford Motor Company, said: "It is important that both our current and future general understand the immense have to offer locally, and that the most of it by being aware

SUPPORT: Alison Calnan, the vice-chairwoman of ESB through e2v technologie Woodland Logistics and

The ESB are proud to sector will be showcased today support this event

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helmsford on Sunday, May 1. than 1,000 cyclists tackle 15, 30 or 50 place, visit www.theishospice.org.uk

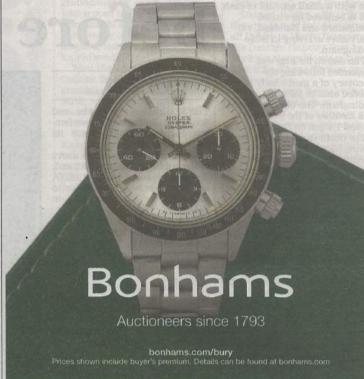
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