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| Green Solutions is a scheme that offers support to businesses in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.  Businesses can benefit from: Energy Assessments, Low carbon Grants and Carbon Literacy Training. |
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| [The NextGen](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiYwOeOm72IAxXXXUEAHQFJKAkQFnoECBQQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thenextgen.co.uk%2F&usg=AOvVaw0oAEz3HjDfIJAAai2-D8yD&opi=89978449)NextGen exists to provide a range of innovative support programmes to start up & scaling businesses across the Staffordshire area, driving innovation & economic growth. Whether you're just starting out or navigating the challenges of early growth, NextGen is here to equip you with the knowledge, skills, and resources you need to thrive in today's competitive landscape. |

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| The Lichfield Discovery Programme has been launched to help residents access tailored support to improve their skills and employment opportunities. The Workforce Development Initiative aims to elevate the skills and qualifications of Lichfield’s residents, particularly those who are currently underqualified and/or facing employment challenges and aims to connect low-qualified residents with local growth sectors, thereby enhancing employability and fostering economic development. Objectives are to:  Enhance Employability, Bridge Skill Gaps and Support Economic Growth. |
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| The Chamber brings together the vibrant and diverse trades, manufacturers, retailers and professionals of Lichfield to keep you informed of local issues and initiatives and to provide representation to the local government. We believe that by working together we can positively impact our city.  Every member of the Chamber is provided a platform on which they can educate and promote their business to each other and the wider area. By pooling commercial and technical knowledge, supporting endeavours and events and working collaboratively, we support the business community. We actively promote and facilitate networking between members, strengthening relationships and fostering goodwill and unity that help us to work as one, encouraging trade and prosperity in our community.  Are you looking for a practical route into the industry you love? Do you want to gain nationally recognised qualifications and real-world work experience? With an apprenticeship, you’ll get the best of both worlds. Whether you’re about to leave school or are an adult who wants to retrain for a new career, an apprenticeship can get you there.  Apprenticeships allow you to enjoy all the benefits of college – great facilities, quality training in nationally recognised qualifications, and improving your maths and English, whilst working in your chosen vocational area and earning a salary.  We work with hundreds of businesses looking to recruit an apprentice just like you. **#CreateYourCareer with us.** |

**Welcome to Business Boost!**

**Today we are joined by several businesses who offer services, advice and schemes which can help grow and expand a business.**

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[](https://www.staffsjobscareers.com/about-us/)Staffordshire Jobs & Careers is a job brokerage service delivered and funded by Staffordshire County Council.

It is part of the County Council’s Skills & Employability team, and it is responsible for the management and delivery of a FREE recruitment and support service to employers, supporting Staffordshire residents into work, by providing a bespoke tailored service to match and screen potential candidates. Enabling employers to recruit skilled employees which will help businesses grow and contribute to improving the local economy.

Staffordshire Jobs and Careers brokerage model will add value and be aligned with existing services with partners such as, local DWP Jobcentre Plus, National Careers Service, and the Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce.