

NSAR's Skills Match uses apprenticeships to fill skills gaps and shortages in rail. Part of this service is matching apprentices with training providers. Skills Match sources cohorts from employers for relevant training programmes and offers specialist advice to training providers on how to engage with rail employers.

## THE AMBITION OF SKILLS MATCH

The rail industry is facing significant skills gaps and staff shortages. The ambition of Skills Match is for the industry to act collectively and collaboratively to address skills and productivity gaps by doubling current levels of apprenticeships to at least 5,000 per year.

## BENEFITS FOR TRAINING PROVIDERS

- We source cohorts from employers for relevant training programmes, **saving you time and money** and increasing student numbers.
- Added capacity to existing apprenticeship cohorts makes your courses more viable.
- Maximise assessor utilisation by helping to maintain a full caseload.
- NSAR is a rail industry **skills expert** who can provide you with specialist advice on how to engage with rail employers helping you further your **employer engagement** and portfolio of employers as customers.
- Opportunities to **add new apprenticeships** to your provision in rail and rail-related industries.

"Training is a numbers game, we need to work together to create viable cohorts for training providers. This is what Skills Match aims to do – match employers who aren't always used to buying training with providers who have great courses but need the numbers to make these courses viable."



**Neil Robertson,** Chief Executive NSAR

## WHAT SUPPORT DOES SKILLS MATCH OFFER?

- Working with employers to identify skills shortages and gaps in their workforce.
- Identifying apprenticeship standards that will address these shortages and gaps either new apprentices or upskilling of existing staff.
- Matching employers with the right apprenticeship training providers for their workforce needs.
- Providing procurement support or procuring viable apprenticeship cohorts on behalf of employers.

## **GET IN TOUCH**

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