

Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills April 2021 - Newsletter

The [Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills \(ECMS\)](#) is an employer-led training facility based in the Black Country, designed to enhance productivity mainly in the UK's high value manufacturing sector though it is also available to support others. Its Training Centres, based at Springfield in Wolverhampton and at Tipton, provide facilities to deliver training courses and development programmes designed to drive economic growth through the upskilling of current and future workforces thereby helping to close the skills gap.



An Update from the Project Team @ ECMS HQ

Hello Everyone – we hope you are all keeping well and managed to take a break over the Easter period.

We are looking forward to welcoming Apprentices studying the Metal Casting, Foundry and Technican Level 3 programme, back to their practical studies at our National Foundry Training Centre Hub, Tipton during April.

While we await further guidance relating to when we can safely fully open up both the Foundry Training Centre and our Springfield Hub we continue to offer a range of interesting and relevant on-line training and development opportunities. Further information about these can be accessed at www.theecms.co.uk/events

As usual the ECMS Team can be contacted at Tel: (01902) 321678 or by Email at enquiries@theecms.co.uk. If you have any questions relating to our facilities or services, wish to access any particular training opportunities or simply want to keep in touch, then please do not hesitate to contact us. It's always great to hear from you!

The ECMS Project Team

Apprenticeship Webinair - now available to watch on You Tube



If you missed the recent Webinar hosted by the [Cast Metals Federation](#) we have good news! You are now able to access a recording of the event!

[Watch here](#)

The webinar has already received in excess of 250 views. It contains lots of key information about what is potentially available both financially and in terms of recruitment support, whether you are looking to use the apprenticeship route to recruit a new person to your company or to upskill an existing member of your team.

If you want to speak to someone direct to find out more then please get in touch with Colin Whorton, ECMS Instructor, c.whorton@wlv.ac.uk, tel: 07525 094429 or Iain Cole at Dudley College, iain.cole@dudleycol.ac.uk, tel: 07841 919528.

Building Distributed Database Applications

April 23 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Free Webinar Event



Enable Technology is pleased to lead a short free workshop from on April 23rd between 10.00am and 11.30am. The workshop will illustrate how SMEs can build and use distributed database applications, accessible to individuals at multiple locations, including those colleagues working in the office or from home. The workshop will demonstrate how desktop office applications such as MS Excel can be enhanced to communicate with a central database in real time.

For more information on how this technology could help your business and to book a place please click the button below.

[Click here to book on to this event](#)

Find Little-Known Grants, Funding, Free Support and New Opportunities

May 12th @ Midday - 1.00pm
Free Webinar Event



Looking for find out how to move your company forward quickly and cheaply (or even for free)?

The Technology Supply Team will tell you:

About the myths behind grants- discover the three different types of grants and which ones are right for you.

How to get your share of the grants and free support available - what is available and how you can access it.

How to put together a Roadmap of the grants to make the most of them.

[Click here to book on to this event](#)

The new ECMS Brochure has arrived!

The ECMS has a smart new brochure - so please take a look at our facilities, find out more about our services and see how we can support your organisation.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Email: enquiries@theecms.co.uk
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[Click here to open the brochure](#)

SOLVD Project (Shropshire based organisations)

SOLVD supports Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in the adoption of digital technologies to improve productivity and profit. The Project offers a range of support including events. More information can be found out about the project [here](#).

For those SMEs wishing to find out how to "Transform your Business through 5G and Industrial Internet of things (IIoT)" SOLVD is hosting an on-line event on Wednesday 12th May 2021, 10:00 -11:30 am.

More information about the event and to book your place click the button below.

[Book your place here](#)



ECMS is a collaboration between the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, University of Wolverhampton, Dudley College, Cast Metals Federation, Confederation of British Metalforming, Institute of Cast Metals Engineers and In-Comm Training.

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