### Talking Points



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Welcome to the latest edition of Talking Points.

This newsletter covers information on issues that you or someone you know may be dealing with, plus sections on what's happening at the Chamber and advice on who to contact if you need support.

We hope that you find the newsletter interesting and informative. Don't forget, if you would like to see any particular topics covered in the next edition, please let us know.

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### Pride: What is it and why do people celebrate it?

June was Pride month - a month dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities all around the world.

And this year, Pride is having a special celebration as it is 50 years old.

Find out more about what Pride is all about, and how it is celebrated below...



#### **Read more**

#### Talking point:

Speak to your Training Adviser if you have any ideas on celebrating pride in your workplace

# St Helens Chamber launch new training programmes to kickstart young people's careers

St Helens Chamber is looking for ambitious 16-24 year olds who want to start their dream career. Whether they are still in school or looking for a new challenge, young people can take that all important first step with a range of exciting training programmes.



#### Find out more

#### Talking point:

Do you know anyone who would benefit from a Fast Track Programme? Refer them to your training adviser!

# St Helens Chamber receives City & Guilds award for Apprentice's Achievements

St Helens Chamber is proud to receive an award from City and Guilds recognising Apprentices' achievements in their End Point Assessments.



#### **Find out more**

#### Talking point:

Do you need any support to achieve a distinction in your assessments? Your tutor is there to help.

### Sir Mo Farah reveals he was trafficked to the UK as a child

Sir Mo Farah was brought to the UK illegally as a child and forced to work as a domestic servant, he has revealed.

#### Read his story

If you suspect human trafficking, call the police.

If you'd prefer to stay anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

If you don't want to call the police, you can talk to a charity anonymously.

#### Talking point:

Do you know who to contact if you suspect human trafficking?



# The Liverpool City Region sets sights on becoming zero-carbon by 2040.



Steve Rotheram has pledge that the Liverpool City Region will become zero-carbon by 2040, building on its burgeoning low carbon sector and natural assets to make the city region a cleaner and greener place to live, work and invest.

The Liverpool City Region has already taken some substantial steps to achieve this ambition — with the city region on the path to become the UK's renewable energy coast:

70% of buses in the city region are lower emission, running on cleaner fuels like electricity and naturally occurring biomethane gas.

We are home to one of the largest concentrations of off-shore wind turbines in the world, in Liverpool Bay.

We are backing hydrogen as a fuel of the future, with the city region as a major centre for hydrogen recovery, distribution and use as a cleaner, greener fuel.

And through our Mersey Tidal Commission, we are looking into ways of harnessing the power of the River Mersey as source of clean, renewable, predictable energy for generations to come.

There are already 1,400 businesses and 27,000 people working in the city region's low carbon economy.

Steve Rotheram, Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, said:

"The challenge of becoming a zero-carbon city region by 2040 is not an easy one. It involves substantial changes to how we generate and consume energy, and to our infrastructure and transport networks. But the benefits are far reaching for everyone who lives and works in the city region and for generations to come.

"We want to create an environment which allows our children and grandchildren to breathe fresher, cleaner air and benefiting from the jobs and skills brought by investment in a cleaner, greener economy that works for everyone who lives and works in Liverpool City Region."

#### Talking point:

What will you do to combat climate change?

### National Whistleblower Day - 30th July

July 30th is National Whistleblower Day. It marks the date in 1778, when the U.S. Continental Congress unanimously passed America's first whistleblower law.

Enacted during the height of the Revolution, it demonstrates beyond doubt that the Founding Fathers recognized the importance of whistleblowers and demanded that they be protected.



#### Talking point:

Do you know who to contact should you have concerns of wrongdoing in the workplace?

### Thank you for reading Talking Points

If you have any concerns about feeling safe please contact your safeguarding officer.

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