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Media Release

First batch of Future Jobs Fund Jobs launched

Peterborough's winning bid to create 167 new jobs through the Government's Future Jobs Fund has gone live with the first 88 jobs now being advertised through Job Centre Plus.

The first jobs, specifically for 18-24 years olds who have been unemployed between 39 – 50 weeks, include;

- Two positions within the NHS informatics team
- Three roles supporting the YMCA with its youth delivery programmes
- Eight community project workers within Peterborough City Council's neighbourhood management team working to raise awareness of community safety and environmental issues.

Richard Astle, GPP Director said, "This is brilliant news for all of Peterborough's residents, not just those young people employed through the Future Jobs Fund. The initiative aims to create a lasting benefit to Peterborough by helping young people gain the essential skills for them to prosper in our growing city and at the same time make a difference to the communities and individuals they will be working with."

All jobs will come with suitable training packages and will be advertised through Job Centre Plus. New Future Jobs Fund jobs are advertised as they come on stream each month. Jobs set to be advertised in December include the recruitment of a team to work within the Peterborough health service to promote healthy living amongst young people.

For more information on Peterborough's Future Jobs Fund visit www.futurejobsfund.org.uk. If you are interested in applying for a Future Jobs Fund job, please arrange a meeting with your personal advisor or ring the Future Jobs Fund hotline, 01733 296571.

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Notes to editors:

The Future Jobs Fund bid in Peterborough is a city-wide initiative being lead by the Greater Peterborough Partnership.

The Future Jobs Fund is part of the Government's 'Backing Young Britain' campaign – which seeks to help young people into employment. This is a £1 billion national programme creating 150,000 new jobs for long-term unemployed people.

Peterborough's Future Jobs Fund bid has brought together 25 organisations from the public and voluntary and community sectors to create a range of jobs in health, environment and community work.

All Future Jobs Fund roles will last for six months, providing work for at providing 27 hours per week and are paid at the National Minimum Wage. One day each fortnight will be spent on skills for life training – including classes on in CV writing, writing job applications, interview skills and job-finding. The programme aims to ensure that every young person finishes the programme with a greatly enhanced range of skills and knowledge and a more confident approach to job seeking.

Each FJF employee will be assigned a personal manager to support them on not just with their employment but also on other areas of their lives such as housing, debt, health, and welfare – a completely wraparound approach giving each young person the best start in their career and life.

The jobs created all aim to help deliver Peterborough's Sustainable Community Strategy which sets out the vision of creating 'A bigger and better Peterborough that grows the right way' and through truly sustainable development and growth:

- Improves the quality of life of all its people and communities and ensures that all communities benefit from growth and the opportunities it brings.
- Creates a truly sustainable Peterborough, the urban centre of a thriving sub-regional community of villages and market towns, a healthy, safe and exciting place to live, work and visit, famous as the environment capital of the UK.

Peterborough has been hit relatively hard by the economic downturn, with an increase in the number of people claiming Job Seeker's Allowance of nearly 3,000 over the last year, reaching 6,363 in June 2009 – the highest in the region.

The jobs are initially open to young people aged 18 – 24 who have been out of work for over 9 months. If the positions remain unfilled after four weeks, the jobs will be made available to long term unemployed people living in one Peterborough's 10 unemployment hotspots in the city.

The first batch of jobs includes:

Organisation	Job Position	Places Available
NHS Informatics	Informatics Assistant	2
Greater Peterborough Partnership	Co-ordinator	1
Environment Capital Partnership		
Greater Peterborough Partnership Rural	Co-ordinator	1
Peterborough City Library	Library Assistant	1
Nacro	Learning Support	2
Peterborough College of Adult Education	Curriculum Support	2
Peterborough City Council City Services	FJF Recycling Project Officer	3
YMCA	Administrator	1
YMCA	YIP Youth Worker	2
Peterborough City Council	Team Member Care and Repair Team	1
Neighbourhood Management		
Peterborough City Council	Community Project Worker	8
Neighbourhood Management		
Nacro	Admin Assistant	3
Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals	Secretarial Assistant	2
NHS Foundation Trust		
Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals	Communications Assistant	1
NHS Foundation Trust		
Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals	Contracts Support Officer	1
NHS Foundation Trust		
Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals	Accounts Payable Assistant	2
NHS Foundation Trust		
Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals	HR Assistant	1
NHS Foundation Trust		
Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery	Heritage Assistant	1
Greater Peterborough Partnership	Family Bereavement Support Workers	5
Future Jobs Fund	General Project Assistant	1
INNOVA	General Assistant	1
Peterborough Council for Voluntary	Carer Support Worker	1

Services		
Peterborough Council for Voluntary Services	Database Complier and Maintainer	1
Peterborough Council for Voluntary Services	Finance Assistant	1
Cross Keys Homes / MEARS	Asset Management Assistant	1
Cross Keys Homes / MEARS	Anti Social Behaviour Assistant	1
Cross Keys Homes / MEARS	Arrears Administration Assistant	1
Cross Keys Homes / MEARS	Communities Assistant	1
Cross Keys Homes / MEARS	Neighbourhood Assistant	1
Nacro	Learning Support	2
NHS Peterborough (Public Health)	Youth Health Trainer	18
Peterborough City Council	Team Members	2
Neighbourhood Management		
PCC Neighbourhood Management	Licensing Support Officer	1
PCC Neighbourhood Management	Regulatory Support Officer	1
Greater Peterborough Partnership	Youth Workers	5
Opportunity Peterborough	City Marketing Assistant	1
Opportunity Peterborough	Business Intelligence Assistant	1
YMCA	Painter and Decorator	2
YMCA	Administrator	1
New Link	ESOL Assistant	1
New Link	Events Coordinator	1
The Environment Agency	Communications Team Member	1
The Environment Agency	Flood Risk Team	1