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Driving Employment, Growth and Competitiveness, by Promoting Employer "Skill Recycling" through localised, on-line Skill Exchange and collaboration

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- Stop skills wastage and redundancy
- · Develop and share skills locally
- · Generate and exchange new ideas
- Champion new ways of working
- · Provide development opportunities

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The Local HUBs will:

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Mayor welcomes first Skill X HUB

Alderman PJ McAvoy, Mayor of Ballymena Borough Council adds his welcome to 'innovative and collaborative' Skill Exchange local HUB:

The number one priority for Ballymena Borough Council is our economy.

We are committed to working in partnership to create and retain jobs within the Borough, increase skills and education, grow the local economy and improve the health and wellbeing of our citizens. The Council recognises that the development and retention of skills in the local economy will be a key driver for economic success and sustainability.

As Mayor and on behalf of all Elected Members in the Council, I am delighted that we are involved in the development of the first of the Skill Exchange Hubs in the UK within the Borough of Ballymena. This innovative and collaborative model provides an opportunity for local employers to work together to share skills and expertise across organisations for the benefits of employees, businesses and ultimately all of the local economy.

I have been hugely impressed by the leadership shown by the founding members of this initiative locally and on behalf of Council I am happy to confirm our commitment to ensuring that the initiative is a success. In May 2011 a new Skills Strategy for Northern Ireland, known as 'Success through Skills





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Skill Exchange UK has received some major endorsements during 2013:

GLA Mayor's Office Boris Johnson March 2013 | Letter to Ian Paisley (extract)

"The Ballymena hub is clearly well placed to play a key role in making the most of

the skills of local people. I wish the hub every success. Perhaps you could suggest that Philip Flaxton, Chair of Skill Exchange UK, makes contact with officers at Greater London Authority in order to discuss the scheme in the capital".

Recruiter April 2013 | By Sue Weekes

Recycled skills network set for major x-pansion

"That will redefine many of our attitudes to employment and skills," Phil Flaxton CEO of Skill X UK said. "As the Skill X network grows, the transfer of knowledge and skills will occur all over Northern Ireland, which will help improve productivity, competitiveness and create growth in our local economies". As well as Belfast, other hubs are planned for Londonderry/Derry and Craigavon.

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EEF Northern Ireland April 2013 | Peter Bloch Director EEF NI

"Employers and indeed the economy of Northern Ireland, would benefit from an increased availability of people with technical/professional skills to fulfil their business needs.

We support and endorse Skill Exchange UK in driving employment, growth and competitiveness by promoting employer 'Skills Recycling' through localised on line skills exchange".

IoD Northern Ireland April 26 2013 |Linda R Brown Director IoD NI

"At today's meeting of our Northern Ireland Committee, I explained to the members how the programme works and that you are in the process of establishing a Belfast Hub. The members agreed that this was a very interesting and useful way of retaining valuable skills within larger businesses while sharing the knowledge and expertise of experienced staff with SMEs in the local

Having access to the different perspectives and skills that someone from another organisation can bring will allow SMEs to develop in new directions and potentially result in greater confidence to invest and in growth of both the business and employment.

We can see many advantages of Skills Exchange for both parties to the exchange and are happy to endorse your efforts to create more Hubs in Northern Ireland".

The Prime Minister David Cameron Feb 28 2013 Letter to Ian Paisley (extract)

"The information you attached on the Skill Exchange UK programme suggests it is closely aligned with the Government's policy of giving employers greater ownership of the skills systme in England. I am particularly pleased to hear that MPs from across the political spectrum are supportive of the Skill Exchange UK model and are actively encoraging employers in their constituencies to get involved.

It is through this collaborative working that we will create sustainable growth and job opportunities for our young people, the unemployed and those already in the workplace".

"I would like to thank you personally for your role in stimulatin interest in Skill Exchange UK with your feool MPs and with business leaders in Northern Irleand".

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Address: 401 403 Reading Road Reading RG41 5HU

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Contact name: Jan Wilkins

Position/role:

Company profile [Edit]:

am the Founder and present Manager of OHP UK and long with my 2 other directors we head up the owner / manager team at the company.

I have over 30 years of experience in staff and HR services-covering a wide range of industry sectors. Operating both internally within large and medium enterprises and externally I have had roles as employee, consultant and services provider- to larger organisations as well as local government and SMEs.

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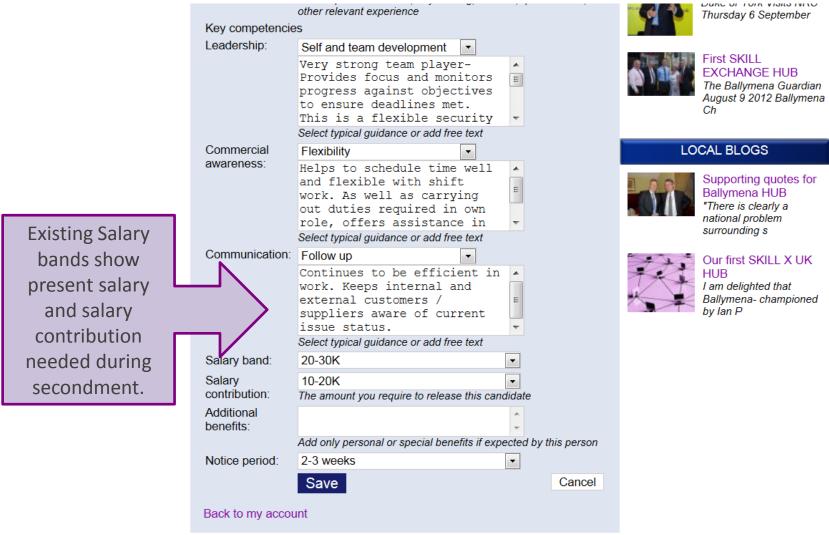


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