

Awards 2016 Trainee of the Year



Finalists

- Jacob Cook, The Alexir Partnership
- Samuel Jackson, We Do Print
- Jack Southern, The Folkestone Academy

Winner

Samuel Jackson, We Do Print

Sam went from being aged 24, homeless and living in his car to an outstanding trainee print operative. This is his journey: last May Sam became the first young person to join the social enterprise's 12-week volunteer print programme, which led to a full-time post. Sam is now being trained on its MIS software and quality assurance for clients including Sky and Lloyds Banking Group. "To even be in a position to be nominated for this award is beyond anything that I could have imagined a year ago," said Sam. "We talk about business turnaround stories in print," added a judge, "but people can do it too."

Highly commended

Jacob Cook, The Alexir Partnership

"Jacob clearly has passion for print," said the panel of a young man who got hooked on print. An 18-month apprenticeship began in customer service, before taking in repro, then print, with more to come. "I am now learning all parts of an intricate and highly skilled industry," said Jacob.

Jack Southern, The Folkestone Academy

"Print needs more people like Jack," judges insisted of the Level-2 apprentice in digital printing. Director of business services Paul Simpson is no less sure he's on to someone good: "Jack has diligence, a will to succeed and unrelenting drive to achieve his fullest potential. I admire his desire to embrace challenges headlong and with undaunted enthusiasm."

Sam Jackson: a turnaround story

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