Grant Thornton supports Sheffield internship scheme

Business adviser Grant Thornton is continuing to support RISE Sheffield, an internship scheme that brings together bright, hardworking graduates and innovative local businesses.

The firm recently hosted the RISE business induction at its Broadfield Court offices. The event was attended by 20 graduates from universities in Sheffield and further afield who have secured internships of six months or more with SMEs in the Sheffield City Region. The two day programme included guest speakers, engaging activities and opportunities to network with peers and businesses across the region with the aim of ensuring that the graduates make the most of their internships. The organisations taking on the graduates include companies in engineering, IT, recruitment and the third sector.

“The graduates have been through an intensive selection process, ending with a final interview with their employer. A few have already begun their jobs, but most are about to start and this business induction aims to equip them with the skills and confidence to hit the ground running with their employers,” explains Peter Edwards, director at Grant Thornton in Sheffield.

“As a firm, we are committed to doing all we can to bring education closer to the world of work and this award-winning scheme is already making a valuable contribution by successfully connecting two of the city’s greatest assets: graduates and SMEs.” He added.
Councillor Leigh Bramall, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development at Sheffield City Council said: “This award winning initiative, part of the Keep Sheffield Working Fund, forms an integral part of our commitment for Sheffield be the most business friendly city in the UK and to focus on jobs. The ability of SMEs to grow and employ is critical to the growth and the success of our economy. RISE seeks to promote the value of employing graduate talent in small to medium sized enterprises where typically the uptake is low, it removes the barriers small to medium sized enterprises often experience when considering graduate recruitment. We are delighted that RISE is now in its second year and continuing to successfully match graduates and businesses in Sheffield.”

The RISE programme, which is funded by the two universities and Sheffield City Council, helps small businesses to find, recruit, train and keep the best graduate talent in the region. The scheme is open to graduates from any university, and all the RISE internships are based within the Sheffield city region.

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Picture shows: Attendees at the RISE business induction event at Grant Thornton in Sheffield

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