

GERMAN INDUSTRY UK

THE VOICE OF GERMAN BUSINESS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM



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Upskill the UK

GIUK recently conducted a **Major Survey amongst German Business on Vocational Training in the UK** to which some 40 German businesses replied, amongst them major companies and banks such as Arriva, Bayer, BOC, Continental, MAN, Siemens, ThyssenKrupp, VW and Deutsche Bank. In summary:

1. **The majority of companies said that the general level of education of young British applicants for technical and commercial positions is at best satisfactory**
2. **The majority said they have to do a lot of in-house training to get new recruits up to a satisfactory level**
3. **The majority said the British colleges` performance is at best satisfactory**
4. **The vast majority said that commercial apprenticeships are essential for running companies efficiently**
5. **More or less everybody said it would be useful in principal to introduce something similar to the German Dual Vocational Training Scheme into the UK**

Dr Bernd Atenstaedt, Chairman and Chief Executive of GIUK said "These results are very similar to those of a previous Major Survey amongst German Business on Vocational Training in the UK we conducted in 2012 with little change since. Urgent improvement is needed. Better education and skills are so important."

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Note to Editors:

The German Dual Vocational Training Scheme provides for a universal apprenticeship for young people to work for 4 days within a company and attend a college one day a week, usually for 2 to 3 years. The German government funds the colleges, but, unlike the UK, does not make any payments to employers. German companies hire apprentices out of a mixture of self interest and a sense of social responsibility.

GERMAN INDUSTRY UK, the voice of German business in this country, is a private organisation of some 100 members of the board of German businesses in the UK with a German majority shareholding. They represent some 250 businesses, employing some 250,000 (British) people here.

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