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Apprentice of the Year Announced

To complete a week of activity to recognize and celebrate National Apprenticeship Week, training and apprenticeship provider Business Impact announced the results of its own search for Apprentice of the Year, with Gateshead based Furniture Clinic winning the award for their apprentice Harry Nichol.

Following a nationwide appeal for employers to nominate their best apprentices, a shortlist of 10 was selected for final review, and Harry Nichol who is currently half way through his apprenticeship with Furniture Clinic won against stiff competition from entrants across the country.

Nick Atkinson, national sales manager for Business Impact commented: 'Harry is a very worthy winner of the Business Impact Apprentice of the Year. He was recognised by his employer for his hard work and commitment, and it is his long term value to the business and also his loyalty and commitment to the business which made him a very positive role model for all apprentices.'

Throughout the National Apprenticeship Week (11th – 15th March) Business Impact held a series of events and activities to promote great employers and outstanding apprentices to highlight how in the North East, the apprenticeship agenda has been driving many businesses growth. Activities held during the week included a regional conference and seminar for employers, a schools visit for apprentices and their mentors to return to schools and speak to peers about the benefits of apprenticeships, and the first ever National Apprentice of the Year award.

The sixth National Apprenticeship Week had the theme 'Building a Better Future' and focused on the four core values of apprenticeships which are quality, growth, pride and value.

Furniture Clinic was founded in 2004, with its Head Quarters located in North East England. From here, Furniture Clinic manufacture a unique range of leather cleaning, repair & restoration products used in many industries including Furniture, Automotive, Clothing, Handbag, Luggage and many more.

Furniture Clinic is committed to research and development, extending its national network of technical centres and highly skilled technicians, and has been developing its own range of products for the specialist markets in which it operates.

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About Business Impact

Business Impact is a national provider of results focused training, competitively delivered nationally across most industry sectors. The business works with companies of all sizes ranging from large multinationals to small local businesses, delivering Apprenticeships (fully funded in many cases), NVQs and commercial training. Whether looking for a 1 day bespoke workshop or want to recruit and train staff as an Apprentice, Business Impact expert trainers and support staff can help in every aspect of this process.

Business Impact prides itself on the delivery of service, experience and flexibility in the training and development market.

Service

Business Impact offers a complete one stop solution for the identification, training and development of people within your business. Business Impact works across all levels within an organisation from apprentices to senior management/leadership.

Experience

Business Impact provides a team of highly experienced personnel within the training and development environment, with the added value of offering a commercial perspective on how to best support your business.

Flexibility

The range of services available from apprenticeship recruitment, skills academy development and long term training and development partner, ensures that Business Impact can offer a full national service on any level to support organisations in various sectors.