



Mears Projects and South Northants Homes bring you **The Apprentice!!** **Learn a Trade & Earn a Wage**

An exciting opportunity to train & qualify as a skilled trades person is being offered this autumn. Mears Projects in partnership with South Northants Homes is looking for a new Apprentice who will receive comprehensive training in the skills required to become part of the Mears Projects Site Team. The team is at the core of this partnership with Mears Projects installing new kitchens and bathrooms as part of South Northants Homes Decent Homes Programme.

To decide on our Apprentice, we are offering a week long work experience course where ten successful candidates will be taught a spectrum of practical skills including, painting, decorating and tiling. The skills learned by the ten successful applicants will then be used to carry out a decorating project for South Northants Homes. On completion of this project, one candidate will be chosen from the ten to become the **Mears Projects Apprentice**. All candidates will however receive a nationally recognised certification for community participation from Northampton Voluntary Youth Action, '**Vinspired**' which can be used for CV and other future job applications.

The successful Apprentice will then go on to learn the skills required to carry out crucial aspects of the work required through a dedicated training programme mixing on-the-job practical experience with coursework leading to an NVQ2 qualification. This is an amazing chance to learn skills and carve a new career.

We are looking for ten dedicated and hard-working people with a desire to learn; who don't mind getting their hands dirty and will take pride in their ability to do a job well, and go the extra mile. **We would welcome applications from residents of South Northants Homes.**

If you are interested in taking part in this work experience week with the possibility of then becoming the 'Mears Projects Apprentice', please contact South Northants Homes Community Development Manager Becky Pavey or Mears Projects Customer & Community Managers Sandra Butler & Cheryl Kohler for an application form or any further information required. Contact details are becky.pavey@SouthNorthantsHomes.co.uk & Sandra.butler@mearsgroup.co.uk & Cheryl.kohler@mearsgroup.co.uk or on telephone numbers 01327 357862 & 01604 878490 respectively. Applications should arrive no later than **Wednesday 15th September 2009**. Interviews will then be held on **Tuesday 22nd September** with successful candidates embarking on the week long course the week commencing 5th October.