

# News Release

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## Wholetime Firefighter Recruitment Have A Go Days

Ahead of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service's upcoming recruitment process for Wholetime Firefighters, they are putting on several events to allow those interested in becoming a Wholetime Firefighter a chance to find out more about the role. This includes fitness level requirements and what the job entails, the opportunity to speak with current firefighters and one of their recruitment champions about any further questions you may have.

They are holding a number of Have A Go taster events in the coming weeks and months up to the application closing date. Some of their Have A Go days specifically target underrepresented groups (women, those with certain disabilities and people from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds) to come along to gain an insight into the role of a firefighter. This type of event is considered positive action. Positive action involves taking positive steps to help encourage sections of the community that are underrepresented in their workforce to consider a career with them. However, there will be Have A Go events that will be open to anybody.

At these events, attendees can get hands-on experience of the job-related tests involved in the recruitment process. The first two events the Service is holding are targeted at Women. This is due to research demonstrating the physical differences in men and women, which sometimes means women need more time to improve their fitness to meet the standards required by all firefighters.

The first two events will be held:  
Saturday 11 August – Birstall Fire Station  
Sunday 12 August – Birstall Fire Station

You must book a session time if you wish to attend either of the above events. This can be done via their website:

[www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/careers-with-us/recruitment/wholetime/](http://www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/careers-with-us/recruitment/wholetime/)

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**Notes to Editors:**

Interviews can be arranged through prior arrangement with Corporate Communications on the details below.

**About the Service**

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service provides emergency response, prevention and protection services from 20 stations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Its headquarters is based in Birstall, Leicester.

The Service's prevention, education, enforcement and inspection programmes have resulted in significant reductions in the number of incidents. In the last ten years, fire-related incidents have reduced by 43 percent.

During 2016/17, the Service attended 694 road traffic collisions, of which 148 were extrications from vehicles, in addition to 2,259 fires. 272 schools were visited as part of the Service's schools programme, delivering fire and road safety education to pupils. Staff organised or took part in 1,613 community safety events, promoting fire and road safety and arson prevention, and 145 Virtual Fatal Four (VF4) events as part of the Service's young drivers' road safety project.

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