

Media Opportunity

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WHOLETIME RECRUITMENT 'HAVE A GO' DAY



Saturday 11 August, 11:00 – 16:00 hours
Birstall Fire and Rescue Station, Leicester

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.

The first 'Have A Go' day is taking place on **Saturday 10 August**, which is open to **women only**. They are looking for local media to cover this event to reach as many women in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and encourage them to consider a career with Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.

Rick Taylor, Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, said: "We all know our workforce is not representative of the multicultural and diverse communities we serve. This is not a criticism of our current workforce, it's a fact, and we know that every fire and rescue service in the country is in the same position.

"In order to begin to reflect our diverse communities, we will focus our recruitment campaign on encouraging applications from underrepresented groups, including women, black and minority ethnic and our LGBT+ communities.

"This will not preclude applications from white British males. Every applicant that successfully completes the application process will be judged on their merit - there will be no bias in favour of any particular group or individual."

Where to find Birstall Fire and Rescue Station:

1 Birstall Meadow Road, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 3BS

If you are planning on attending the 'Have A Go' day event, please confirm your attendance in advance by contacting the Corporate Communications team on the details shown below.

For more information on our recruitment process or to register your interest in attending one of our 'Have A Go' days, please visit www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/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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