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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to our summer E-newsletter, which includes all the latest information on what NSARE has been involved with and forthcoming events to watch out for. For more information on any of the stories, just click on the links.

### [NSARE's national conference on training and skills development 27th & 28th September](#)

In September NSARE will be approaching 18 months old, and a lot has happened in that period, not least in relation to significant shifts in governmental thinking now having an effect on training in general and specifically in the rail sector. The National Training Conference is an opportunity to reflect on the last 18 months, reconcile the current position and outline plans for the future. [Click here to read the full article](#)

### [Launch of the Commission on Adult Vocational Teaching and Learning \(CAVTL\)](#)

The Commission on Adult Vocational Teaching and Learning was formally launched on 11<sup>th</sup> July at Farringdon station by the Skills Minister, John Hayes. The event was hosted jointly by Frank McLoughlin CBE, principal of City and Islington College, and chair of the Commission, and Gil Howarth, chief executive of NSARE. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

### [Record Number of Apprenticeships in Rail Engineering](#)

The current government's drive to increase the number of apprenticeships in the UK was given a boost with more than 2000 apprentices starting within the rail industry over the last twelve months. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

### [ETCS Academy Feasibility Study](#)

If you have not yet spoken to us about the ETCS Academy Feasibility study we are undertaking on behalf of the national ERTMS Programme and think you should there is still time to get involved to find out more about the project and who to contact then [follow this link.](#)

#### Latest News

##### [APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE SPOTLIGHT](#)

NSARE was delighted to see the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills and Education appoint Doug Richard, an internationally recognised entrepreneur, to lead an independent review into the future of apprenticeships

##### [SKILLS FORECASTING UPDATE](#)

The skills forecasting project outlined in last month's newsletter has continued with the data gathering exercise now drawing to a close. Focus is now turning to analysis of the existing workforce data and future projects.

##### [NSARE & GHD COLLABORATION](#)

NSARE and Gutteridge Haskins & Davey Ltd (GHD) have agreed to work collaboratively as part of their on-going commitment to BS 11000.

##### [SKILLS PASSPORT REACHES TEST PHASE](#)

Work on the development phase of NSARE's Skills Passport is now complete and NSARE's initial test phase is also drawing to a close.

##### [SMALLPEICE TRUST STUDENTS ON FAST TRACK FOR RAILWAY CAREERS](#)

From 30<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, more than 50 13-14 year olds from across the UK met at Askham Bryan College to learn about the design, construction and operation of railways.

##### [INTRODUCING RUTH COOPER](#)

NSARE welcomes new team member, Ruth Cooper, as Stakeholder Manager.

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