

APPEX

Advance Manufacturing Product
& Process Excellence

Introduction for Beneficiaries



What is APPEX?



The APPEX Programme helps Advanced Manufacturing businesses like yours improve their competitiveness in two ways:

1. External expertise to help you implement a focussed improvement project to deliver results.
2. Sharing and learning best practices from other Advanced Manufacturers in Leicestershire.

This structured support programme is specifically designed for Advanced Manufacturing businesses in Leicestershire.

The programme kicks-off with a top-to-tail evidence based assessment (not audit) of your business, undertaken by an external manufacturing expert. This gives you an unbiased and honest view of your strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and benchmark performance. Next you'll work with the expert to select, develop and implement your focussed improvement project. The APPEX programme also gives you the chance to see and learn best practices from other non-competing Advanced Manufacturers on the programme.

Once on the Programme, you'll join a cohort of like-minded manufacturers who are all on the same journey. You'll share progress on your improvement projects with each other so that you all benefit.

There is also an element of promotion, with the best company projects getting kudos and benefiting from marketing activities to boost company brand and profile within Leicestershire.

There are very limited spaces available on the APPEX Programme. **Only ten beneficiaries will be selected to join the Programme from all the applications received.**

Participation on APPEX is free of charge but if you are given a place, you are expected to give the programme full leadership commitment and the necessary resources to successfully complete your chosen project and support the peer sharing activities.

How will you benefit?



Key benefits you will receive:

- Independent external, evidence-based capability assessment of your business to identify your strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and benchmark performance.
- External expertise to help you deliver your project
- Improved business performance in
 - Quality and defect elimination
 - Reduced costs
 - Delivery performance
 - Lead time reduction or improved agility
 - Improved capacity
- Share and learn best practice from other local advanced manufacturers
- Get recognition, visibility, promotion and market exposure of your brand and business
- External expertise to the value of £5,000

Your project can be in any of the following areas

- Strategy and Business Planning
- Leadership and Management including Quality Management Systems eg ISO9001
- Information Management
- Supply Chain Management
- HR and Employee Engagement
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Manufacturing Operations/Production
- Product Design and Development
- Sales and Customer Service
- Marketing

"Since we implemented built-in-quality our defects have dropped and I have eliminated overtime"

"Since making a few layout changes and organising our work in a different way we've improved efficiency, increased capacity, shortened lead times and now use our limited space much better – what's not to like"

"We have always struggled to measure and manage employees and have a clear way of deciding and giving pay rises"

"Getting new products into production has always been a stressful nightmare: wrong drawings, late customer changes, short of material...the list goes on. Since setting out a more structured process things aren't perfect but they are getting a lot better"

"I couldn't believe just how much extra capacity we had just by making a few simple changes. I don't need to buy new kit after all"

Questions or want to sign up? Contact the Programme Coach directly

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