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To all local businesses

Two years ago I set up a Job Club in Towcester and a second one in Brackley. These Clubs have gone from strength to strength and are now administered by South Northants Council with the support of many 'Partners' ranging from JobCentreplus to local businesses and volunteers. They are a fantastic community initiative that are completely free to jobseekers.

The Job Clubs meet on alternative Tuesdays (Towcester) and Thursdays (Brackley) in the Town Halls and offer a variety of help and support to those seeking work. We support a wide range of job seekers, from school leavers to manual workers to professionals, all of whom are highly motivated to find suitable work.

The Clubs also offer a free forum for local businesses and employers to advertise their vacancies and an opportunity to meet potential candidates on an informal basis. Several local businesses have found new staff through the Clubs, and I thoroughly recommend the Job Clubs as a way of filling your job vacancy and also of being seen to care about the local community.

I am keen to make the Job Clubs even more useful to jobseekers by providing more of a "careers advice" element to each session. Your support for this would be greatly appreciated and I would be grateful if you will consider committing to send a senior person from the company at least once a year to give a 15 minute talk about your business and answer questions from those who might be interested in opportunities with you.

If you are willing to lend your support, or would like further information about the operation of the Clubs, please do not hesitate to contact my office at andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk or alternatively please contact Claire Cowland, Lead officer for Economic Development at S Northants Council: jobclub@southnorthants.gov.uk

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Leadsom".

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