

# Arco named as a top family business for apprentices

Arco, the UK's leading safety company, has been named as one of the top 10 family businesses in the UK for employing apprentices.

Its work and attitude to professional development saw it listed by Family Business United – the global voice of the family business community.

The Hull firm features in the 2022 report looking at the number of apprentices in the sector, alongside the likes of fellow Yorkshire businesses JCT600 and Portakabin Ltd, with JCB also included. It comes just weeks after its [first dedicated graduate placement programme](#) launched, as part of an ongoing commitment to developing the next generation of industry talent.

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Darren Ford, head of organisational development and learning and development at Arco, said: “As a fifth-generation family business, we are incredibly proud to feature.

“Over the past five years, we have built up our Future Experts programme and have seen 34 apprenticeships completed and 29 that are ongoing. Plans are also in place for a further 30.

“Helping to nurture future talent and further develop the knowledge and skills of our colleagues plays an important role in the future aspirations of the business and will support our ambitious for growth in the future. We’re seeing a greater uptake from a broader range of business areas now, so I’m very excited to see both our internal and external apprentice numbers grow over these coming months and years.”

Arco currently has 10 apprentices at the Whitefriargate-headquartered business, working in a variety of areas, including finance, digital, customer services and safety, health and environment, as well as eight new apprentices that started this year.

Paul Andrews, founder and chief executive of Family Business United, said: “Family businesses are innovative and entrepreneurial, and it is great to see so many providing apprenticeships within their organisations. This inaugural report has clearly demonstrated the commitment of family firms like Arco who continue to invest in the next generation of their staff and provide apprenticeship opportunities in various areas of the business.

“Arco is a great family business with a long history which, in part, is down to the continued innovation and evolution of their business. It is great to give recognition to a business that continues to create new opportunities and innovative ways to engage with the next generation of employees, providing them with great career opportunities.”

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