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Ministers join swimming centre's training course



Minister for employment Esther McVey MP with Simon Kirby MP visiting The Brighton Swimming Centre

MPs have paid a visit to a swimming pool which offers free courses, training and apprenticeships to unemployed people.

Employment minister Esther McVey and Brighton Kemptown MP Simon Kirby were at Brighton Swimming Centre to see Swim UK which trains people in life guarding, customer services and food safety.

“I was incredibly impressed by the work of Swim UK in helping provide people with the skills and qualifications to enable them to find employment. The success they have enjoyed has made a real difference for many people and is testament to the hard work of all the staff.”

Esther McVey MP – Minister for Employment

Ms McVey said: “Simon is always championing Brighton in Parliament and I am grateful to him for inviting me to see for myself the work that is being done.

“On the day that the two millionth apprenticeship started it was fantastic to come down and meet some great organisations making a real difference in the city by offering practical assistance to those people looking for employment.”

Recent statistics revealed that in Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven the number of unemployed receiving Job Seekers Allowance has fallen by 1,256 claimants since the last election.

This represents a fall of 47% since 2010.

Youth unemployment has also fallen by 52% in the same period.

Paul Smith, chief executive of Swim UK, added “We are immensely proud that the people who have completed courses with us here at Swim UK have a very good track record of finding employment and it was brilliant to be able to share our successes with the Minister, who was genuinely interested in our work.”

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