



## Media release

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### **New Year's Honour for David Hughes, Uniper Engineering Academy Head**

Uniper congratulates David Hughes on being awarded the MBE for services to Education in recognition of the work he has done promoting and growing apprenticeship delivery in the East Midlands.

David Potter, Director of Products and Services at Uniper Technologies said 'This is fantastic recognition of David's dedication to training and development; in particular, how he has championed apprenticeships within the East Midlands. Please join me in congratulating David on this achievement'.

David Hughes commented 'I am absolutely delighted to be recognised in this way and proud to continue to play a part in raising the profile and standing of apprenticeships in the East Midlands.'

A Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology, David has led the internationally-respected Uniper Engineering Academy at Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Nottinghamshire, since 2012. Most recently, leading the team to achieve a 'Good' overall rating from Ofsted during the last inspection, and with an 'Outstanding' for leadership and management. The Academy delivers a wide portfolio of professional training for power plant operators and engineers in addition to dedicated engineering apprenticeships. And David and his team, recently won the regional final (East Midlands) of the 2018 Apprenticeship Awards large employer category.

In addition to heading up the Engineering Academy, David has been a member of the East Midlands Apprenticeship Ambassador Network (EMAAN) since its inception in 2009 and Chair since 2014. He has worked with the Government and Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to grow and promote apprenticeship delivery within the East Midlands region; working with organisations large and small, to provide support so that they can utilize the huge benefits apprenticeships can bring to their business.

Under David's stewardship, the EMAAN has grown its membership significantly over the last couple of years. It has recently restructured to ensure it aligns to the Apprenticeship Ambassador Network's strategic objectives of celebrating, storytelling, signposting and sharing insight; Being nationally significant but locally relevant.

David was an apprentice with MANWEB prior to going to university and joining E.ON as a Graduate Engineer. At E.ON, David worked in a variety of roles in its Distribution business, before becoming Academic Partnership Manager and then Head of Professional Development at the Engineering Academy. David took over the role of Head of the Engineering Academy in 2012, rebranding to Uniper when E.ON and Uniper separated in 2016.



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