

AutoRaise Impact Statement





Introduction

When AutoRaise was founded in 2016 our mission was clear: to showcase the repair industry to young people as an attractive and viable place to build a career.

Four years on that need is even greater. As technology advances rapidly the industry needs a workforce equipped to respond to new challenges in returning vehicles to the road fully and safely repaired.

We stand ready to help the sector avoid a skills crisis. Our model is established, we've gained traction with employers and young people alike, and we're ready to accelerate our drive to secure young talent.

On the following pages you'll discover details of AutoRaise's achievements; the key partnerships we've built; and reminders of our best industry events. Here's to our continuing impact in the year(s) to come.

A Towering Success

AutoRaise was unveiled at the Tower of London on 2nd December, 2016. This special event brought together 100 of the industry's most inspiring individuals, from repairers to work providers to supply chain partners.

The launch, featured in automotive trade media, set the tone for our essential work to bolster cutting-edge skills in the sector. We revealed our roster of Platinum Partners, new web portals, explained our corporate identity, and gave the stage to both repairers and apprentices in a unique presentation of the impact young people have on our industry.

AutoRaise: The (R)Evolution was the exciting culmination of a stealthy programme of seven months' preparation to get the charity ready to hit the road.



High Standards of D-elivery

Collaboration is critical to our success.

A shining example is the D-elivery Day events we ran in 2019 to discuss Accident Repair Technician and Vehicle Damage Assessor Apprenticeship Standards.

The unique gatherings engaged rival training providers in open conversation. We provided a platform for them to share ideas and views about how best to deliver the standards - for the indisputable benefit of all apprentices.



Uniting Industry Leaders

Another major event served as an eye-opener for the insurance industry and highlighted the looming skills crisis in repair.

Held at the Honorary Artillery Company, London, it invited claims leaders from more than half of the UK's leading insurers to discuss an apprenticeship-led approach to filling the gaps in repair network development.

We were inspired to hear of the remarkable progress being made in some insurers' apprenticeship programmes, as competing businesses came together for the greater good of the industry.

As a result some motor insurers have contributed vital financial and practical support to AutoRaise, and we value their attendance and ongoing commitment to underpin our work.



Twin success for Gemini and Libby

Libby Price exemplifies two key strands of AutoRaise's endeavours.

Libby, who works for Gemini ARC - one of the UK's largest repair groups - won the 2019 WorldSkills Diversity Hero Role Model Award. This was a significant achievement in its own right and highlights the opportunities afforded to young people by apprenticeship programmes.

Beyond that, Libby can be a role model for young women who are keen to realise a career in motor vehicle repair or the wider automotive industry. AutoRaise strives to boost the number of females in a male-dominated sector.

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Our success so far

The four years since AutoRaise's inception have been full of endeavour and achievement. Here is a visual reminder of the milestones on our journey so far.





Mapping memorable moments

We've staged events far and wide across the UK as we bid to spread the word about the value of apprenticeships. Here's a look at where we brought together the industry's leading lights to discuss key issues.

Talent across the UK

We're proud to have backed 186
apprenticeship multi-skilled
starts so far.

This map illustrates the widely located employer sites where young
talent are taking their first steps into repair careers.



Proud of our partners

AutoRaise Partners are the lifeblood of our activity and we have excellent relationships with a full set of supporting organisations.

Without their support from the start we'd have been unable to achieve our success to date - we're very grateful for their backing.



"Here at LV= we are incredibly proud of our long-standing association with AutoRaise and we have seen first-hand the impact they have made on new apprenticeship starts in our own repair network. We are acutely aware that our young people are the future and we all have a responsibility to ensure we support their development if we are to have a truly sustainable and capable industry to meet the ever changing needs of our customers.

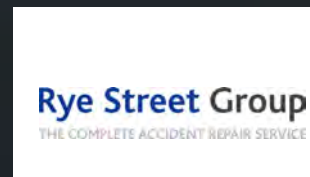
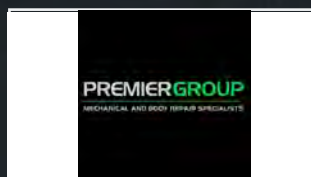
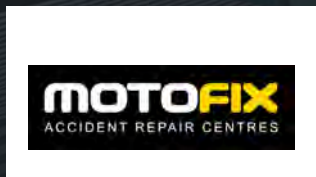
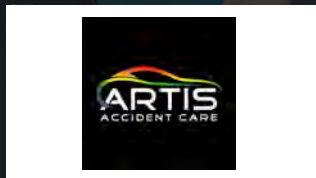
"AutoRaise have been the catalyst for many of our approved repairers to adopt apprenticeship programmes and we need a fully functioning AutoRaise in our industry to ensure sustainability. I personally would urge every significant stakeholder in our industry to consider what their business model will look like in 5, 10, 20 years time with a continuing decline in numbers of qualified technicians in the industry. It's a significant challenge and one we need to address collectively for the greater good."

Brian Hodge
LV= Director of Motor Customer Claims



Repairer roll call

We count almost 30 different businesses among our roster of affiliated repairers, which offer essential support to AutoRaise and apprentices across the country.



Meet the team

Day to day, the charity is run by a committed cast of staff and Trustees, including some well-known leading figures from the industry.

Let's discover who they are.



Bob Linwood
CEO
AutoRaise



Chris Weeks - Trustee
Director
NBRA



Dave Sargeant -
Chairman
Managing Director
Gemini ARC



Dean Lander -
Trustee Head of
Repair Sector Services
Thatcham Research



Guy Williams - Trustee
CEO
UPOL



Jennifer Evans
Business Support
Executive
AutoRaise



Marc Holding -
Treasurer
Managing Director
The Vella Group



Steve Thompson
- Vice Chair
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Industry Insights



Michael Golding
- Trustee
Network Manager
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Get in touch

If you would like to know more about AutoRaise or think you could provide vital support and help then please get in touch.

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