

NEW BUSINESS WILL HELP COMBAT CRIME AND CREATE FIVE JOBS

A tech-savvy Manchester man has launched a training school to help combat criminal activity by using CCTV - and he plans to turnover £250,000 and create five jobs in the next six months.

Umar Haq, of Chorlton, set up Learn CCTV in response to a growing demand from engineers, builders and electricians to be trained in how CCTV works and how to correctly install it.

Figures show Britain has 5.9 millions closed-circuit television cameras - that's one for every 11 people - yet Umar, who has 17 years of experience in the CCTV industry, estimates that up to 30 per cent of those cameras are incorrectly fitted or not operating to maximise security.

Umar said: "There are thousands of cameras fitted across the Manchester area and businesses in the UK spend millions of pounds buying CCTV, but so many cameras are incorrectly installed and not set up in the best way.

"All too often businesses - and even home owners - only realise their CCTV isn't working as it should be when a crime occurs - and they don't have the evidence they need to solve it. At Learn CCTV, we want to help change that by offering builders, engineers and anyone else interested in a career fitting cameras the chance to learn everything they need to know about CCTV.

"We've already had interest from engineers and builders who want to expand their portfolio of skills and businesses who are looking to outsource their CCTV training.

"We are really excited about being able to create five new roles for people within the Manchester area - we'll be looking for a finance director, admin officer, tutor and two technical engineers to help us deliver our ambitious plans for growth.

"We are the only business in Manchester to offer this service so I am confident that we will achieve great success."

Learn CCTV is based in Manchester but delivers courses in different cities every month to minimise travel time and make the courses more accessible.

James Lambert, Learn CCTV's training manager, said: "The number of security cameras that are incorrectly installed or not optimised for the best results is really quite remarkable. We are aiming to change that so that businesses in Manchester and beyond can be safer and more secure.

"We teach everything from the very basics on how CCTV works to how to utilise high-end IP systems - and we do it all in a hands-on way that optimises learning, steering clear of boring Power Point presentations.

"I believe CCTV is an extremely effective tool when used in the right way and I am excited about launching this business and sharing our expertise with others."

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