**REPOSE TEAMS UP WITH UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON**

One of the UK’s leading manufacturers of bespoke seating solutions, Repose Furniture, based in the Midlands, has teamed up with the University of Wolverhampton as part of the University’s Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) project. KTP’s have been used successfully by major manufacturing businesses by utilising leading edge technology and research within the academic sector to bring about cutting edge change within UK industry.

The project will support Repose as it adopts the latest in digital engineering and design technology to assist the company with new product development, productivity and growth while maintaining their high levels of quality.

As part of the project, Repose has appointed James Hewlett on a three year internship during which he will be working as an industrial designer. James is supported by the internal expertise at the University with additional staff working on the project to provide input on project implementation and development.

“I have recently graduated from my BDes (Hons) in Product Design with a 1:1 and the opportunity to work within an organisation such as Repose is invaluable to me. I initially heard about Repose when I was researching possible placements on the University website and saw they were looking for a KTP Associate. After speaking to people at the University, I conducted some research on Repose and only read positive reviews and also liked the fact that it is a family business and their products really make a difference to the customer’s quality of life and independence” commented James.

“We are delighted to be able to offer James the chance to work with us following his degree. People such as James are the future of British manufacturing and it is down to us as manufacturers to work with universities and invest the time and money to provide opportunities such as this. The KTP is beneficial to both parties as it will enable us to learn about new processes and the latest technological advances” commented Managing Director Lisa Wardley.

The KTP programme **is a three-way project between a graduate, an organisation and a university and** is supported by the UK Government through Innovate UK, and is due to run for three years.

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