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Pictured: Young jobseekers joined by Unipart Chairman and Group Chief Executive John Neill and his HR team kick off the *Unipart Inspires* programme in Oxford.

UNIPART'S YOUNG JOB SEEKERS TRAINING PROGRAMME KICKS OFF IN OXFORD

Unipart, one of Europe's leading manufacturing, logistics and consultancy groups, launched its new programme aimed at equipping young job seekers with skills for work at Unipart House in Oxford.

Called *Unipart Inspires*, it has brought together 17 young people for an intensive three week programme that combines work experience with training in job hunting skills such as interview practice, CV writing and using social media to search for jobs.

While on site, attendees will be paired with a suitable mentor who will continue to work with them for a further six weeks to offer practical help and support as well as guidance and encouragement

It is widely recognised that levels of unemployment amongst 18-24 year olds are a national problem. Unipart currently supports a number of initiatives aimed at tackling the issue of youth unemployment including *Generation Talent*, the joint initiative between Business in the Community and The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Unipart teams have been working with Job Centre Plus staff to devise a programme that will be rolled out nationwide involving employees at all Unipart sites.

The programme is designed to enable young, unemployed people to build confidence and develop the right skills and attitudes for the world of work. It also provides development opportunities for Unipart employees by engaging them in coaching and mentoring activities.

Editors' Notes:

About The Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs around 10,000 people worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is a leading UK manufacturer, full service logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence.

Operating across a range of market sectors, including automotive, manufacturing, mobile telecoms, rail, retail and technology, Unipart offers a breadth of services from third party logistics to expert consultancy.

All Unipart sites operate according to the Group's proprietary version of Lean known as The Unipart Way. This is a philosophy of working underpinned by tools and techniques that inspires efficiency, flexibility and outstanding customer service in any process.

The company, which is based in Oxford in the UK, has a growing number of international sites supporting a wide range of blue chip clients. For more information visit: www.unipart.com.