

# No Wrong Door

SOUTH LONDON INTEGRATION HUB

# newsletter

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## Welcome

Whoever you are, however, you find yourself here, we're here to help you navigate the skills system in South London.

Here at South London Partnership, we understand just how much is on offer and that it can be hard to know where to start. We want to:

- Connect residents with the organisations that can help them get skills for employment or to help them find a job.
- To connect employers with their future workforce and the information needed to support their inclusive and changing workplace.
- Connect support organisation to others to better support residents in South London

The autumn edition will bring together programme updates, ideas for action, organisations that can help, and fantastic opportunities for free training and resources across South London. Please do forward on to colleagues, partner organisations or friends and family in South London.

We hope you enjoy!

*The Integration Hub Team at South London Partnership*

<https://southlondonpartnership.co.uk/no-wrong-door-south-london-integration-hub>

## In this issue:

### For residents

Find out more about the services in South London that can help you into work.

Training to help you get the job you want.

### For employers and practitioners

Find out more about inclusive employment and FREE training.

Access FREE resources and training.

### OPERATING ACROSS SOUTH LONDON

We work across the boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond and Sutton

### STRENGTHENING PATHWAYS

Promoting collaboration and interconnection between organisations

### COMMITTED TO INCLUSIVITY

Our priority groups are: people with disabilities, women returning to employment and women from ethnic minority backgrounds



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## Toolkits & Resources

### Through Grow London: Free Resources for London's Small Business Community.

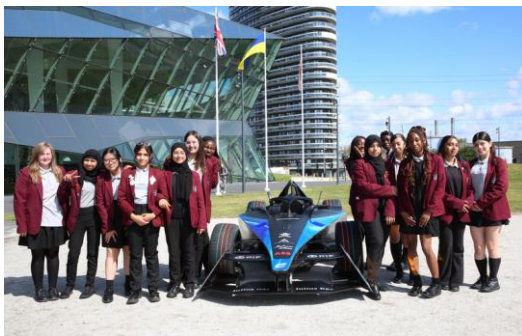


City Hall, in collaboration with [London & Partners](#), is proud to support London's micro and small businesses through [Grow London Local \(GLL\)](#). This initiative offers free access to various resources, with over 90,000 businesses already benefiting.

To date, 3,500 entrepreneurs have received tailored support from 298 registered providers, including further education colleges, offering a range of services from diagnostics to practical training.

If you offer courses or support for small businesses, consider promoting them on the GLL platform by registering as a skills provider [here](#).

### Over 100 Young Londoners Attend Green Careers Event at City Hall.



On 11 July, City Hall hosted over 100 young Londoners for a green careers event with Formula E and the FIA Girls on Track Programme. This initiative focuses on green skills in sectors like electric vehicle maintenance.

The event launched a kit car project, where three London schools will design, build, and race their own kit cars, helping students develop both green and essential soft skills. Deputy Mayor Howard Dawber emphasized the Mayor's goal of creating over 150,000 jobs and achieving net-zero by 2030.

Panellists included inspirational women from motorsports, discussing various career opportunities.

For more info on London Careers Hubs, visit our [London Careers Hub page](#) or email [LondonCareers@london.gov.uk](mailto:LondonCareers@london.gov.uk)

Struggling to recruit or losing talent? At the Integration Hub we are passionate about inclusion and have developed an employer's [toolkit](#) to support employers on their journey to more inclusive recruitment practices and identifying the benefits of a more diverse workforce.



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## Would you like some help to find skills or employment in South London?

Welcoming our new online South London skills and employment guide.

Containing a wealth of information and signposting we hope you find it useful. Please access the guide [here](#) or click the image below:

**No Wrong Door:** Your brief guide to skills and employment in South London  
South London Skills & Employment Guide



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# SPOTLIGHT ON

**Skills Builder PARTNERSHIP** 

## Kingston Health & Social Care: Essential Skills & Employability Programme

23rd September - 2nd December Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames

**Are you looking to build your core skills and work readiness?**

Throughout this programme, participants will be supported to identify, practise and articulate their essential skills, in order to support them to build a career in the health and social care sector.

Essential skills are the highly transferable skills that support us to do any job, anywhere.

They are: **Listening, Speaking, Problem Solving, Creativity, Staying Positive, Aiming High, Leadership and Teamwork.**

The programme contains a structured series of **ten 90-minute sessions** and is designed to support: Early careers, apprenticeships, graduate schemes, internships, work experience, employability training.

This programme includes the opportunity to **gain work experience** and to **meet recruiting employers in the sector.**

### Register your interest

**When?**  
Sessions begin on Monday 23rd of September, and will run at the same time every week for 10 weeks, excluding Monday 11th of November.  
The final session will be on Monday 2nd of December.  
All sessions will run from 11am - 1pm.

**Where?**  
Guildhall, 2 High St, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1EU

**Who's eligible?**  
In order to take part, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have an interest in exploring a role in Health and Social Care and / or improve your employability and essential skills
- Be unemployed and wanting to get back into or explore work
- Be a Kingston resident, aged 16 - 64 years old
- Be available to attend all 10 sessions

If you meet the above criteria, and would like to take part in this fully-funded programme, please register your interest via this link:

<https://forms.gle/kwN85w3q3Q1Kzn6n9>



## Catch Up on New Initiatives: Have You Heard About These Programmes?



Join the Essential Skills Academy for Health & Social Care in Kingston!

We're thrilled to announce that Kingston Council has partnered with The Skills Builder Partnership to launch the Essential Skills Academy for Health & Social Care!

This programme offers personalised support and valuable work experience, with opportunities to connect with local employers.

Spaces are limited, so refer eligible individuals soon!

Complete the referral form [Kingston Council: Essential Skills Academy](#).



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## Transformative Grants: Up to £20,000 for Community Initiatives.



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FOUNDATION

### City Bridge Foundation Grants: Up to £20,000 Per Year

City Bridge Foundation is offering grants of up to £20,000 per year for up to five years to small organisations in Greater London. Grants are available in the following areas:

- Environmental, Greening, and Growing
- Working with Older People
- Working with Deaf and Disabled People
- Working with the LGBTQIA+ Community
- Working with Migrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers

For more information and to apply, visit [City Bridge Foundation | Small Grants](#) or follow the link [www.citybridgefoundation.org.uk](http://www.citybridgefoundation.org.uk) for details.

### Upcoming Events

- Community of Practice (26/11/24 2-3pm)
- Inclusive Employment Webinar Series (monthly, mid- month 1-2pm)
- Pan London Employers Webinar Series (monthly November 2024 – Feb 2025)
- Bitesize Skills & Employment Champions Knowledge Exchange – coming soon

## Are you ready for the retrofit revolution?

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WORKS

### Smart Works Women into Work Jobs Fair and Vacancy Announcement

Join Smart Works for a Women into Work Jobs Fair on October 3, 2024, in partnership with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Meet London Living Wage employers, receive free 1-to-1 career coaching, professional headshot photography, and Bobbi Brown makeup touch-ups. We encourage all unemployed women to attend, regardless of their location in the city.

To register, use [this link](#).



### The Unpaid Carers Project

The Unpaid Carers Project is dedicated to supporting those who selflessly care for others. With your help, we aim to deliver 13 courses for carers in SWL, including young carers, through local Carer Centres. The aim is to enhance carers' skills, promote wellbeing, and strengthen community support.



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