



# SOUTH LONDON SKILLS SUMMIT 2025

*Shaping the future workforce through the South London annex of the London Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP).*

**20 NOVEMBER 09:00 - 14:00**  
**MERTON COLLEGE**

**Things are changing.** The future of work is evolving, and there is support for your business - whether it's getting the **skilled staff** you need or reskilling your workforce to be **future-ready**.

# YOUR ROLE IN SHAPING SKILLS IN SOUTH LONDON

The Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) is a government-backed strategy giving employers a central role in shaping skills provision. The London LSIP, led by BusinessLDN, ensures local skills development meets the needs of businesses today and tomorrow. It focuses on five priority sectors with cross-cutting themes such as digital, inclusion, green skills, and employer engagement.



Health, Carer and  
Life Sciences



Visitor Economy,  
Hospitality and Retail



ICT Communications  
and Creative Digital



Construction, Built  
Environment and Green



Education

**With these sectors and themes in focus, your business can play a central role in shaping the future workforce by:**

- Shaping current and future skills provision as a central employer
- Ensuring the London LSIP responds to your business needs
- Sharing your workforce and skills challenges
- Linking your business to South London's economic growth
- Connecting with organisations across South London

**TELL US YOUR VIEWS**



Complete our survey to help drive the next phase of the South London annex to the London LSIP.

# AGENDA

**9:00 - 09:20**

**Welcome and keynotes**

Peter Mayhew Smith CBE, Group Principal, South Thames Colleges Group  
Councillor Eleanor Stringer, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Civic Pride and Climate Change, London Borough of Merton  
Sarah Ireland, Chief Executive, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames

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**09:20 - 09:30**

**Presentation - The LSIP: Looking back and to the future**

Matthew Hamilton, Director, South London Partnership

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**09:30 - 10:15**

**Keynote Conversation: Youth Employment**

Tom Hadley, Board Member, Youth Employment UK  
Polly Persechino, Head of Economy, Skills and Employment, South London Partnership

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**10:15 - 10:30**

**Presentation and Q&A - The experience gap - Are we missing out?  
Thinking differently about our future workforce**

Becky Brake, Partnerships Manager, South London Careers Hub

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**10:30 - 10:50**

**Keynote - The London LSIP: Future of skills needs**

Mark Hilton, Director, Policy Delivery and Membership, BusinessLDN

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**10:50 - 11:10**

**Break**

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**Session 1 -**

**Thematic sessions: Shaping the refreshed LSIP**

**11:10 - 11:55**

**A: What's changed - the big questions (main room)**

Matthew Hamilton, Director, South London Partnership

**Session 2 -**

Kirsty Hogg, South London Integration Hub and LSIP Lead, South London Partnership

**12:00 - 12:45**

Craig Hurring, Chief Executive, Love Wimbledon

*(Both sessions repeat for each group)*

**B: Construction, built environment, sustainability, net zero and green skills (Taste restaurant)**

Polly Persechino, Head of Economy, Skills and Employment, South London Partnership

Carl Licorish, Customer Engagement Manager, CITB

**C: Health, life science and social care (smaller room)**

Suna Marfe, Executive Director - Business Development and Partnerships, South Thames Colleges Group

Alison Porteous, Locality Manager, Skills for Care

Miranda Coates, Senior Local Delivery Manager, Skills for Care

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**12:45 - 13:00**

**Closing remarks**

Craig Hurring, Chief Executive, Love Wimbledon

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**13:00 - 14:00**

**Lunch and networking**

# CONNECT, SHARE, SHAPE THE FUTURE

Your business is central to South London’s economic growth. Make sure your voice is heard and help create a skilled workforce ready for the future.

## LEARN MORE AND ACCESS KEY RESOURCES:



Find out more  
about the South  
London annex to  
the London LSIP



Read the latest update  
and access the full report