



Need help getting into or staying in work? Refer residents today:



Check out our Toolkits





SLP – Youth Integration Network

The Youth Integration Network (YIN) has been designed to bring together services that help young people aged 16–24 navigate their way to skills development and employment opportunities within the Boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond and Sutton.

Youth unemployment is rising faster in London than anywhere else in England. Young people often face complex and fragmented service landscapes. The YIN addresses this by:

- Mapping and coordinating services across employment, education, health, housing, and youth support
- Creating robust referral pathways to skills and employment services
- Engaging trusted youth advisors to act as a single point of contact
- Promoting best practice to shape future service delivery and policy

If you would like to sign up to the YIN, or find out more about it, contact:

rachel.bennett@southlondonpartnership.co.uk



Funding Opportunity from Socius and Aviva Capital Partners

A new fund from Socius and Aviva Capital Partners has been launched, to support community groups with up to £5,000, operating in the London Borough of Sutton.

This fund reflects Aviva's commitment to ensuring the London Cancer Hub creates lasting benefits beyond the site itself. By investing directly in local organisations, we can help strengthen the support, creativity and community spirit that make Sutton such a special place.

The deadline is 8th April.

[Please see details here.](#)



Groundwork & Cycle Confident – Free Cycle Mechanic Programme

Kickstart your career in bike mechanics with this fully funded, hands-on Cycling Programme, in partnership with Groundwork and Cycle Confident.

What You'll Learn:

- City & Guilds Level 2 in Cycle Mechanics: industry recognised by employers across the cycling sector
- Hands-On Bike Skills: repair punctures, replace brakes & gears, service bearings, bottom brackets, cranks, headsets & frames, build wheels, prepare frames & forks, fit accessories
- Real Work Experience: 5-day placement: mobile repairs, cyclist support, customer communication, efficient setup
- Career Support: CV help, interview preparation, employability guidance

Eligibility:

- Must live in a London borough
- Not in work, training or education (NEET)
- Aged 19+ with proof of right to work in the UK
- Practical assessment day to demonstrate your skills
- Have an interest in bicycles and cycling

For more information or to apply, email Liz.Byrne@groundwork.org.uk



DFN Project SEARCH – Supported Internship Programme

DFN Project SEARCH is a 1-year transition-to-work programme for young adults, committed to transforming the lives of young people with learning disabilities and autism.

It has now been running at St George's Hospital for over twelve years and served many young people in that time. The interns complete three rotation placements around the hospital and will experience real-world work within the hospital. These can include Portering, Admin, Reception, The SU Shop, Ingredients Café and many more.

The project is looking for motivated and committed young individuals between the ages of 18-24 with an active ECHP.

If this is you, or you know somebody who would benefit from this opportunity, get in touch by sending an email to matthew.kaye@stgeorges.nhs.uk.

For more information, visit [DFN Project SEARCH - St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#).



Onebright & Clarion Futures – Counselling and Therapy

Onebright are an organisation providing counselling and therapy services to adults, children and young people experiencing emotional or psychological challenges.

Clarion Futures is aware of the growing need for therapeutic support, particularly among young people. That's why they are working with Onebright to fund a number of counselling sessions for 16-24-year-olds. This support is aimed at helping young people address challenges such as anxiety or low confidence, enabling them to move forward with their job and training goals with greater confidence and resilience.

At Onebright, their expert therapist will:

- Support you through your personal challenges

- Help you explore your worries
- Enable you to develop practical coping skills
- Build your confidence

If you would like to refer a young person or have any questions about the support available, please contact jobsandtraining@clarionhq.com.



King's Trust

We have so many great courses for young people aged 16-30 to get involved in.

Courses are free and give people the tools to build their confidence, find a job or start their own business.

Highlights include:

- Get Started in Nature & Conservation w/ London Clean Air
- Get Started with Health and Social Care
- Get into Security Careers
- Get Started with Fashion
- Get Ready in Sustainability w/ Energy Garden

For more information, please visit the [website](#).

King's Trust Team Programme – New Course at John Ruskin College

John Ruskin College will be running a new King's Trust Team Programme on **Monday 13th April 2026**.

This 12-week personal development programme is designed for young people who would benefit from building confidence, motivation, work-readiness skills, and positive routine. It includes team activities, community projects, work experience, and support with next steps into education or employment.

Young Person Requirements

To join the programme, young people must:

- Be aged **16–25**
- Be currently **not in education, employment, or training**, or at risk of disengagement
- Be willing to take part in group activities and team challenges
- Commit to the full 12-week programme
- **Attend an interview** before being considered for a place (this is a friendly, informal conversation)

Further Information

- [Full course details \(John Ruskin College\)](#)
- Short introductory video about the programme: [King's Trust Team Programme](#)

How to Refer a Young Person

Professionals and young people can:

- **Apply online** using the link above on the college website, **or**
- **Email me directly** with the young person's details, and I will contact them to arrange next steps.

Before any young person is accepted onto the programme, they **must attend an interview**.



Apprenticeships at Sutton College

Sutton College runs apprenticeships in a variety of sectors.

Please contact Sutton College at apprenticeships@suttoncollege.ac.uk or call 0208 773 5891 for more information on how Sutton College can become your training provider, **or visit the website [here](#)**.

Step Ahead's Economically Inactive Trailblazer

If you would like to make a referral into Step Ahead at Sutton College for any Economically Inactive residents aged 19+ to receive 1-1 employability support, please make a referral using [this](#) link.

Step Ahead – Childcare SWAP

Sutton College is running a SWAP through its [Caring for Children Level 1 Award](#), in partnership with Starfyn Recruitment, who are offering, through the Step Ahead service at Sutton College, a guaranteed interview for participants at the end of the course.

For more information or to enrol, please click [here](#).



London Learning Consortium – Upcoming Courses

LLC offers a unique environment that differs significantly from large, busy colleges. We specialize in learner-centred support, making us an ideal destination for students who find the idea of a large campus intimidating. In summary:

- Our Study Programmes offer Vocational Qualifications with a focus on hands-on learning in a highly supportive setting
- Maths & English: Dedicated support to gain Functional Skills or GCSE grades for those who don't achieve them this year
- Individual Focus: We treat every student as an individual, tailoring our support to their specific learning and/or social needs
- Small Class Sizes: Ensuring more teacher-student time, with most classes having a Learning Support Assistant to support students in class

The LLC is offering various courses for young people (16-18) starting in September 2026, including:

- Level 2 & 3 Beauty Therapy Study Programme
- Level 2 Hairdressing
- Level 2 Creative Digital Marketing
- Level 2 & 3 Creative Digital Media
- Level 2 & 3 Games Development Study Programme

To view the details of these courses, visit: [All Courses for Young People](#)



Retrofit Opportunities

Retrofit needs people — and [RetrofitSkills.org](https://retrofitskills.org) is here to help.

Whole house retrofit is about more than insulation or heat pumps. It takes a team — from Assessors, Coordinators and Designers to Installers, Evaluators, and Energy Advisors.

[RetrofitSkills.org](https://retrofitskills.org) is your go-to directory for exploring these roles, finding training providers, and staying up to date with the latest news and resources.



Go Construct Careers

Whether you're exploring career options, looking for apprenticeships, or learning how to get started in construction, Go Construct Careers has everything you need. And if you're an organisation looking to connect with emerging talent, it's your place to showcase opportunities and inspire the next generation.

From discovering roles that match skills and interests to finding the best routes into the industry through apprenticeships, university courses, or traineeships – Go Construct Careers is here to guide individuals and support employers every step of the way.

*Go Construct have created a handy **search engine for construction job opportunities** [here](#) - make sure you type Sutton into the location search box to get local results!*



Supply Chain School

Launched in 2012, the Supply Chain Sustainability School is an award-winning FREE virtual learning platform around sustainability, with the aim to upskill those working within, or aspiring to work within, the built environment sector. It services the markets of Construction, FM, Finishes and Interiors, Homes, Infrastructure and Future Workforce across England, Scotland and Wales.

The Supply Chain School has created some helpful training resources, including on the topic of Net Zero - link [here](#).



Crisis' Homelessness Alliance

The Homelessness Alliance is a set of pledges employers take to support people experiencing homelessness in the workplace.

The Alliance was developed by Crisis in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. Leading businesses including Pret A Manger and Thames Water helped draft the Alliance as members of the [advisory board](#). This is alongside those with lived experience of homelessness.

More information can be found [here](#) or contact Vicky Richards at vicky.richards@crisis.org.uk.

CONNECT TO WORK

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Connect to Work – Support for Employees at Risk of Job Loss in Sutton

The **Connect to Work** programme in Sutton offers free, personalised support for individuals who are **at risk of losing their job**. Whether someone needs help finding a new role or guidance to stay and thrive in their current one, we're here to assist.

For more information and to make a referral follow the link below: <https://ingeus.co.uk/services/employment/connect-to-work>

If you prefer, feel free to contact me directly to discuss any potential referrals or to find out more about how we can support your residents, clients, or colleagues: Prussell@ingeus.co.uk

Trailblazer for South London

Trailblazer for South London is a programme designed to assist individuals in overcoming challenges that may hinder access to employment. These challenges may include personal, health, or social barriers. The programme offers support to help participants take meaningful steps toward entering the workforce.

Referrals can be made by completing the Self-Referral Form [Link](#)

Or by scanning the QR Code





Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

AI Skills Hub

The government has launched free courses to improve AI skills in the workforce. Choose from 14 recommended courses to build your foundational AI skills. They've been chosen for people working in small and medium-sized enterprises but are also useful for those in the public sector, civil society and larger organisations.

Delivered by 8 different technology providers, the courses range from 20 minutes to 9 hours.

If you are an SME and interested in AI adoption beyond skills, visit the [Learning Steps](#) to see curated information on implementing AI in the workplace.

Access the AI skills Hub [here](#).



Classroom2Careers

South London Partnership's **Classroom2Careers** programme is inviting employers to pilot new approaches to providing **early experiences of work** for younger students.

These are **low-depth, group-based activities** that can be delivered **either at your workplace or in a school** setting. They act as **gateways** and are designed to reach students who may face barriers to accessing traditional work experience. Your involvement can help unlock ambition and open doors to sectors they might not otherwise encounter.

Group experiences are a brilliant way to:

- Spark curiosity about your sector
- Build early confidence and aspiration
- Offer a glimpse into real working environments

Examples of experiences:

- Interactive workplace tours
- Hands-on challenges or mini projects
- Role-play or scenario-based activities

- Problem-solving tasks linked to real-world work

We're looking for employers who want to **test new formats**, **connect with diverse young talent**, and **make a lasting impact** - even in just a few hours.

Interested in opening a gateway? Get in touch with the Careers Hub team to explore how your organisation can [get involved](#).

Partner Flyers and Events



Cycle Mechanics Skills

GUARANTEED INTERVIEW
for live vacancies

Become a Bike Mechanic – for FREE!

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What You'll Learn

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- **Hands-On Bike Skills;** repair punctures, replace brakes & gears, service bearings, bottom brackets, cranks, headsets & frames, build wheels, prepare frames & forks, fit accessories
- **Real Work Experience:** 5-day placement: mobile repairs, cyclist support, customer communication, efficient setup
- **Career Support:** CV help, interview preparation, employability guidance

Practical Information

- Moderate physical work involved
- Bring appropriate footwear and warm, comfortable clothing
- Bring refreshments/packed lunch
- All tools and safety equipment provided
- Travel costs will be covered
- Great timekeeping and a positive attitude required

Eligibility

- Must live in a London borough
- Not in work, training or education (NEET)
- Aged 19+ with proof of right to work in the UK
- Practical assessment day to demonstrate your skills
- Have an interest in bicycles and cycling

Next Steps

- Receive ongoing support from coaches to find employment
- Developed with employers to match real job vacancies in the cycling sector
- Guaranteed interview with our employer partners

Course Start Dates and Location

- Cycle Confident, Chester House, 1-3 Brixton Road, London
- Courses start in January, your advisor will confirm the appropriate start date upon registration

For more information or to apply, email
Liz.Byrne@groundwork.org.uk

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**Merton Council
Supported Internship**

OPEN DAY


We are excited to invite you to our upcoming open day. The Supported Internship Open Day will provide an opportunity for young people, parents, carers and professionals to learn more about the programme and how it supports progression into employment. The event will outline the structure of the internship, share information on available job roles and host employers, and explain the job coaches and education staff roles. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions, explore next steps, and gain understanding of expectations, eligibility, and outcomes. The aim of event is to ensure individuals are fully informed and confident when considering the Supported Internship pathway.

EVENT TIME SLOTS


SLOT 1 - 10AM -12PM

SLOT 2 - 5PM -7PM

Contact-Nichola Headings

 **07585996460**

Please RSVP to secure your slot

 **hollie.pile@merton.gov.uk**



Merton Council Supported Internship

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APRIL **CIVIC CENTRE**
2026 **MORDEN**
SM4 5DX



The South London Skills and Employment Partnership Charter

Are you keen to demonstrate your business/organisations commitment to supporting the growth of the South London workforce?

As part of our commitment to ensuring that the business/employer voice shapes the skills required for the future the South London Skills and Employment Alliance is offering the opportunity for local businesses and employers to sign up to a brand-new South London Skills Partnership Charter. This is a fantastic opportunity to shape the skills of the future and to show your organisations commitment to developing your staff.

By signing the charter, you can demonstrate how you and your organisation

- The organisation has signed and committed to the [South London Partnership Charter](#) demonstrating their commitment to partnership, agility and responsiveness, sustainability and inclusivity.
- Has pride and actively invests in South London as a great place to live, learn and work
- Improves the skills and employment system by being responsive and agile
- Takes action to boost economic productivity and inclusive growth
- Understands your role in shaping the skills provision and employment support programmes delivered in South London
- Understands your role and the part we all play in an employment and skills system that responds to local needs and prepares a workforce equipped with the skills to get jobs now and in the future.
- Demonstrates your social value commitments and are well placed to apply for funding and partnership opportunities.

Ready to sign? Please download the Charter available here: [Skills and Employment Partnership Charter - South London Partnership](#) and send to admin@southlondonpartnership.co.uk.

Together, let's help shape and integrate skills and employment provision across South London.



Skills and Employment Champion Badge

At South London Integration Hub, we are committed to recognising and celebrating the achievements of our members and learners. That's why we're excited to introduce our new initiative: the [Skills and Employment Champion Badge](#)!

This badge represents your dedication, expertise, and continuous growth within our community. Digital badges are virtual credentials that highlight your accomplishments and skills, highlighting your membership and achievements. The badges will identify you as a champion in connecting and helping others, there is no extra commitment other than your current practice but demonstrates your active partnership working and collaboration skills.

Criteria for Earning the Skills and Employment Champion Badge:

- **Personal Development and Awareness:** Attend at least one South London Partnership (SLP) event per year and participate in relevant workshops and webinars.
- **Signposting and Referral:** Maintain an up-to-date understanding of programmes and services and use signposting resources and toolkits.
- **Community Engagement:** Actively participate in SLP and borough communications and forums.
- **Pathways and Referrals:** Develop knowledge of at least five referral pathways.
- **Partnership Working:** Establish and maintain partnerships with at least five service providers and collaborate on joint initiatives.
- **Celebration and Communication:** Share at least one success story annually and promote opportunities through various channels.
- **Organisational Contribution:** Provide updated contact information annually with SLP.
- **Linking Priorities:** Regularly review local priorities and integrate them into organisational strategies, reporting on successes annually.

Benefits of the Badge:

- Formal acknowledgment of your commitment to enhancing skills and employment opportunities.
- Verifiable digital badges to highlight your skills across platforms.
- Enhance your CV, email signature, and social media profiles, highlighting your expertise.
- Connect with professionals and organisations for collaboration and support.
- Stand out in the job market with tangible evidence of your accomplishments.
- Participate in workshops and events that contribute to your professional development.
- Motivate peers to pursue their own learning and growth.
- Access tailored support, training sessions, and community events for badge holders.
- Position yourself as trusted advisors on programme delivery and gain access to new initiatives that can benefit your residents or service users

Join Us!

Celebrate your achievements and inspire others to pursue continuous learning and development.

For more information and to apply, or if you would like to feature in our newsletter, contact:

admin@southlondonpartnership.co.uk

For a downloadable PDF copy of this bulletin, [visit the SLP website.](#)



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