



*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:***

***[jenna.nicolls@southlondonpartnership.co.uk](mailto:jenna.nicolls@southlondonpartnership.co.uk)***

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## **CONNECT TO WORK**

Funded by **UK Government**

### **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](mailto:Prussell@ingeus.co.uk)

***To find out how Connect to Work has got on in its first three months, subscribe to the [Connect to Work Newsletter](#).***



# achieving for children

## **Achieving for Children – Opportunities for All campaign**

A partnership led by Achieving for Children to serve as a central hub for local employers, education providers, and community leaders who are committed to creating inclusive, sustainable pathways to employment for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Kingston and Richmond.

We believe that a neurodiverse workforce is a stronger workforce. By bridging the gap between the classroom and the workplace, we ensure that every young person in our boroughs has the chance to contribute their unique talents to the local economy.

Visit the [Opportunities for All | LinkedIn](#) page to keep up with campaign activity, such as the recent work experience week workshops by Kingston Council.

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# South Thames Colleges Group

## **South Thames Colleges Group – Boost your Business & Skills Development Survey**

How is your organisation approaching staff training and skills development in 2026?

At South Thames College Group, we work with employers across South London and local boroughs to support workforce development, apprenticeships, and tailored training opportunities.

We've created a short survey (This will take no longer than 1 minute to complete) to better understand your needs and how we can support your team. We offer:

- Business Administration
- Leadership & Management
- Digital / IT Skills
- Customer Service
- Construction & Engineering
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Health & Social Care
- Education & Childcare
- Professional Skills (communication, teamwork, time management)

We'd also love to hear:

- Are you planning staff training or upskilling this year?
- Would you like more information on apprenticeships?
- How likely are you to hire an apprentice in the next 12 months?
- Do you pay the Apprenticeship Levy?

**Take the survey here: [South Thames Colleges Group – Employer Skills & Training Survey \(2026\)](#)**

This will take no longer than 1 minute to complete your feedback helps us shape training that truly supports employers.

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### **Skills for Londoners Community Outreach 2026-29 – Now Live**

The GLA has launched the next round of funding for Skills for Londoners Community Outreach 2026-29.

The opportunity offers multi-year funding with grants available between £70,000 - £120,000, to small community organisations who can work with their local communities to address barriers to engagement and help signpost to suitable adult learning and employment support opportunities with those recognised as most in need.

**Further information on the programme and application process can be found on [Community Outreach Programme webpages](#).**

**The application window closes at 12pm on 22 May 2026.**

### **Wave 2 of the Sector Talent Board and Pan-London Sector Hubs funding is now live**

Grant funding of up to £360,000 per annum (2026/27 – 2028/29) is available for organisations to administer a Sector Talent Board and establish and lead a Pan-London Sector Hub in one of three priority sectors: Health, Social Care and Hospitality/wider experience economy.

The GLA is looking for an organisation with the networks, infrastructure and credibility to act as a trusted convenor for each of our priority sectors. To be eligible for this funding opportunity, applicants must demonstrate their ability, either individually or as part of a partnership or consortium, to lead and deliver the Pan-London Sector Hub.

**For further details download the prospectus on our [website](#) today. Applications will close on Wednesday 10 June at 12pm**



### **BusinessLDN – Sparking London’s Creative Skills**

This event will provide a clear view of how London is strengthening its creative workforce through new training routes, upskilling programmes, and opportunities for fresh talent to enter the industry.

You’ll hear how these initiatives fit into the London Local Skills Improvement Plan and what they mean for employers, freelancers, educators, and anyone shaping the future of the capital’s creative economy. It’s a chance to connect with sector leaders, understand emerging skills needs, and see where the most exciting opportunities are developing.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

- Registration: 10:00
- Start: 10:30
- End: 12:00

**Location: Cottesloe Room, Dorfman Theatre, Stage Door Avenue, South Bank, SE1 9PX**

*To accept the invitation, please [RSVP here](#) with the event name as the subject and include your full name, email address, organisation, job title, and any dietary requirements in the email.*

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### **FilmFixer – Set Ready Training Program**

Set Ready is a free training programme created by FilmFixer, the UK’s largest film service provider. The two-day course provides an opportunity to learn crucial skills for working on film and TV shoots as a Location Marshal. **Once the training has been completed, alumni have the opportunity to put themselves forward for an entry-level paid placement on set.**

Applicants must be residents of Bexley, Bromley, **Croydon**, Greenwich, **Kingston**, Kensington & Chelsea, Hounslow, or Southwark.

***See the leaflet at the end of the bulletin to find out more.***

**Visit [Set Ready Training \(by application only\) | LinkedIn](#) or [Apply4 - SetReadyTraining](#) to apply.**

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## SUCCESSFUL MUMS

Career Academy

### **Successful Mums Career Academy – Supporting Autism in Education**

The Successful Mums Supporting Autism in Education course is an 8-week part time course is ideal for those looking to work flexibly in SEN, or to strengthen a job application for any role in education. Gaining a deeper understanding of autism and how to support students effectively in any educational environment – this could be a school, college, or adult educational space.

As well as our Supporting Autism in Education course, we also run a Working in Schools programme for those who want to work in any role within an education setting. Both courses achieve recognised qualifications and are fully funded.

With hundreds of vacancies in education live across London and the South-East, and demand for SEND-qualified staff at an all-time high, these qualifications can help job applications stand out.

**Apply online here: [Supporting Autism in Education | Successful Mums](#)**

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### **National Autistic Society – At Work**

World Autism Acceptance Month took place in April, and the National Autistic Society has put together a free workplace toolkit and webinar focused on building workplaces where every autistic person feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

Inclusive workplaces aren't just better for autistic people — they're better for everyone. When colleagues understand one another and feel safe to be themselves, teams work better, creativity flourishes, and people stay and grow.

**Access the available resources here: [National Autistic Society - At work](#)**



### **Learning Curve Group – Hair & Beauty Academy**

The Learning Curve Group is an international training and education specialist. It utilises UK-government funding which is set aside for education and gets it to the people who need and want it most, working with employers, individuals, and education providers to help them achieve success.

#### **May 2026**

Their final intake for study programmes in this academic year, is the 14-week, NCFE Level 1 Personal & Social Development qualification.

This course supports individuals back into an educational setting and forms the basis of their progression in August to our other course offerings.

Attendance will be 1 day per week, 9.30am - 4pm.

#### **August 26 – October 26**

These courses will be running later this year as part of the Hair & Beauty Academy:

- Level 1 Introduction to Hair & Beauty
- Level 2 Hairdressing
- Level 2 Barbering
- Level 2 Beauty Therapy
- Level 2 Nail Services
- Level 2 Hair & Media Makeup

GCESs are not an entry requirement, and financial bursaries are available for low-income households. Class sizes are around 16 learners. For more information, see the flyer at the end of the bulletin.

**Visit [Learning Curve Group | Home](#) to see all available courses.**

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### **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 into Retail w/ BP
- Get Started in Conservation w/ London Zoo
- Get into Loss Prevention w/ TK Maxx
- Get into Security
- Get Ready for Beauty Retail w/ Boots
- Get Hired with Hyatt Hotels

*For more information, please visit the [King's Trust website](#).*

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### **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](mailto: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 Porterage, 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](mailto:matthew.kaye@stgeorges.nhs.uk).***

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

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### **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](mailto:jobsandtraining@clarionhq.com).*

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### **Apprenticeships at Sutton College**

Sutton College runs apprenticeships in a variety of sectors.

Please contact Sutton College at [apprenticeships@suttoncollege.ac.uk](mailto: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.

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### **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](#)***

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### **Retrofit Opportunities**

Retrofit needs people — and [RetrofitSkills.org](https://www.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://www.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](#).*

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### **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](mailto:vicky.richards@crisis.org.uk).*

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### **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**



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& 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](#).*

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### **Partner Flyers and Events**



# Cycle Mechanics Skills

## Become a Bike Mechanic – for FREE!

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

### What You'll Learn

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## 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](mailto:Liz.Byrne@groundwork.org.uk)

*This programme is fully funded by the Mayor of London and the Department for Education as part of the Skills for Life campaign*

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## About

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## Course Details

**Dates:** 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 10am-4pm

**Venue:** Walworth Town Hall, 155 Walworth Road, Elephant & Castle, SE17 IRS

### Requirements:

- Applicants must be a resident of Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Greenwich, Kingston, Kensington & Chelsea, Hounslow, or Southwark
- Applicants must be 18+ years old
- No previous industry experience necessary



## How to apply

- Follow this [link](#)
- Click on 'apply for permit' and log in or create an account
- Fill in the form and submit your application **by 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026**





# JOIN US THIS AUGUST!

**LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO HAIR & BEAUTY**  
**LEVEL 2 BEAUTY THERAPY    LEVEL 2 HAIRDRESSING**  
**LEVEL 2 BARBERING    LEVEL 2 NAIL SERVICES**  
**LEVEL 2 HAIR & MEDIA MAKEUP**

- GCSE'S ARE NOT AN ENTRY REQUIREMENT - WE LOOK FOR A GENUINE INTEREST IN JOINING THE INDUSTRY
- FINANCIAL BURSARIES ARE AVAILABLE TO HOUSEHOLDS WITH AN INCOME UNDER £40,000 PER YEAR OR IN RECEIPT OF BENEFITS
- CLASS SIZES ARE AROUND 16 LEARNERS, SO SMALLER & SUPPORTIVE



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TO STUDY  
WITH US!

16-18  
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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@southlondonpartnership.co.uk)

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



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