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South London Connect Employer Newsletter, produced by the South London No Wrong Door Integration Hub. Your go-to source for all the latest updates, news, and insights, keeping you updated on our vibrant Skills and Employment community in South London.

Bulletin Highlight

EXPO 26 – Get ready for the next Business Expo

This year, the EXPO26 will be hosted at Kingston University, Penrhyn Road campus. The biggest collaboration yet, EXPO will be joined for the first time by Wandsworth Chamber, alongside Merton Chamber.

Come and meet a diverse mix of sectors, business owners, entrepreneurs, company directors, charities, council officials, and local VIPs, all eager to connect, share experiences, and grow.

New for this year, we're also opening the floor to more consumer-facing businesses and student entrepreneurs, giving you the chance to shop, discover, and support the next generation of local talent alongside established names.

Date: Wednesday 4th November

Time: 8am – 3pm

Register: EXPO26: Kingston, Merton & Wandsworth Tickets

Inclusive Talent

Institute for Employment Studies – Inclusive Recruitment Webinar

Recently IES hosted the webinar: 'Supporting employers to recruit disabled people and people with health conditions: Lessons from the evidence'.

This webinar, based on a recently published research report, highlights the emerging evidence and innovative approaches when supporting employers to increase their recruitment of disabled people and people with health conditions. The session explores practical strategies to inform local delivery of employment support programmes, and employer engagement approaches.

The webinar brought together IES researchers and representatives from North East Chamber of Commerce, Ambition North Wales and Neath Port Talbot Trailblazer, and included a Q&A chaired by Naomi Clayton, CEO of IES. The webinar is the second in a series delivered through the Department for Work and Pensions' Labour Market Evidence Programme, which aims to help local policymakers better understand what works in improving labour market outcomes for out-of-work and in-work individuals.

The webinar recording and slide deck can be found here: Webinar recording and slides

You can access our new rapid evidence assessment report on supporting employers to recruit disabled people and people with health conditions here.

Future Ready

Skills for Care – The state of the Adult Social Care sector & workforce in England

The South London Partnership is collaborating with Matt Dowling and Robbyn Snow of The Freelancer Club to deliver an online peer to peer session on how to unlock the full potential of the freelance workforce.

This practical session explores the commercial and creative benefits of working with freelancers, from accessing specialist expertise and fresh perspectives to building a more agile, innovative workforce.

We'll share best practices for attracting, engaging and retaining freelance talent, including fair and effective hiring practices that strengthen relationships, improve outcomes and deliver long-term value.

Date: Wednesday 18th November

Time: 1pm – 2pm

Online session: To RSVP, please email **Shirley.Vinda@southlondonpartnership.co.uk**

Youth Employment

South London Partnership – Bridging the Experience Gap

South London Partnership is hosting an in-person workshop exploring how organisations can work more collaboratively across South London to strengthen employer engagement and improve work experience opportunities for young people.

Practitioners working with young people are encouraged to attend. If you have young people who may wish to participate, please contact Jenna directly for further information.

Date: Wednesday 25th November

Time: 2pm – 3:30pm

Register: **Complete the registration form**

Contact: **Jenna.Nicolls@SouthLondonPartnership.co.uk**