



## National news

### 'It All Starts with Skills' Campaign



'It all starts with skills' is the new Skills for Life campaign from the Department for Education. It aims to motivate and equip young people, adults and businesses to make informed choices and gain the skills and qualifications they need to progress.

Young people can visit the Skills for Life website and look at training and career options available such as apprenticeships, T Levels, A Levels and Free Courses for Jobs.

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## Green Careers Week



Green Careers Week 2024 takes place from 4th to 9th November and WorldSkills UK is the official technical education partner. Working with Education and Employers and partners, there will be some free digital events for Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 with experts, role models, quizzes and Q&A, supporting schools to achieve Gatsby Benchmarks 2, 5 and 7.

**Date: 5 November, 11 - 12pm, online**

WorldSkills UK will showcase inspiring career journeys through the technical and apprenticeship route, outline the importance of green careers, and why choosing a green career is not only vital for the future but an exciting path to success! [Register here](#)

**Exploring Green Careers in Engineering and Technology - Date: 7 November, 11 - 12pm, online**

In partnership with British Airways, students will explore a range of green engineering and technology careers. They will highlight the importance of green skills and showcase the technical and apprenticeship pathways available—prestigious routes that offer hands-on experience and the chance to make a real impact in protecting our planet and positively shaping the future. [Register here](#)

To find out more information and see all upcoming events visit [Upcoming events - WorldSkills UK](#).

## Occupations in demand in 2024



The Department for Education has published the Occupations in Demand 2024.

- Across the UK, more than 2.5m workers are in critical demand occupations, with the majority of those roles requiring education below level 6.
- The health industry has the largest number of roles in demand with almost 1 million workers in occupations in critical demand - 725,000 of which are care workers.

- Education is the sector with the next largest number of roles in demand with almost 114k workers in critical demand occupations, which are secondary education teaching professionals (431k), teaching assistants (239k) and higher education teaching professionals (238k).

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## Young people build career skills with Supported Internships at Amazon



According to the British Association for Supported Employment (BASE), only 4.8% of people with a known learning disability in England are employed. Programmes like the Supported Internship at Amazon help young people with SEND to gain work experience and skills as they move into employment. Since 2021, there have been over 50 Supported Internship interns based in various Amazon operations sites across the UK.

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## The tech gender gap: girls 50% less likely to pursue a career in tech

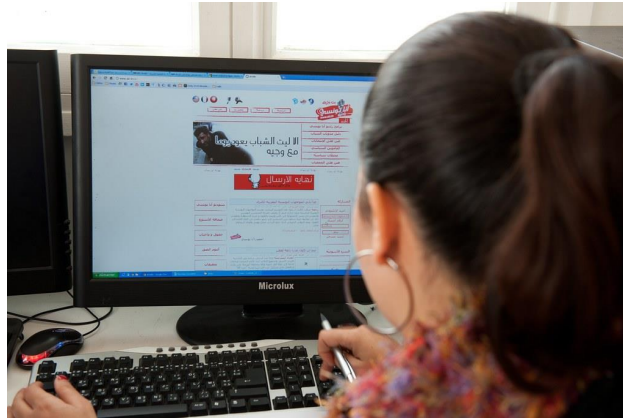


A report by InnovateHer found that over a quarter of young girls (78%) surveyed are interested in technology, but only two in five (39%) are interested in a tech career.

The survey, which asked over 1,000 UK students aged 11 to 17, reported that 41% of girls cite a lack of female role models as a barrier to entering the industry. The Chartered Institute for IT has said that only 21% of IT specialists in the UK are women, which highlights a clear gender gap.

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## Why are a rising number of young Britons out of work?



There are more than 870,000 16-24 year olds not in education, employment and training (NEET) in the UK , and the figure continues to rise. The reasons vary, including one in five citing a mental health condition. A further 11% reported having learning difficulties or autism.

Data also shows lack of skills and the competitive jobs market as further barriers for some young people.

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## England's hair salons face recruitment crisis as gen Z shuns profession



The number of those starting hairdressing apprenticeships has declined by over 70% over the last decade, according to the DfE. Last year, 1,520 students in England completed their training, down from 8,660 in 2015. Industry experts believe one of the problems is that young people think hairdressing is a low-paid profession. There are also more school-leavers opting for a college course instead. Salon owners say it takes an average of 16 weeks to fill a salon vacancy.

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## Tackling the IT and tech skills gap



A new report by Hyve looks at the IT and tech skills gap in 2024. Finding include:

- 84% of UK business leaders report an IT and tech skills shortage.
- The main causes of the lack of skilled IT and tech professionals include rapidly evolving IT/tech sectors (42%), high competition for talent (35%), and inadequate training (31%).
- 96% of businesses are tackling the skills gap. Over half of the surveyed businesses are investing in training of their staff and 40% are improving the recruitment processes.

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## London news

### Stansted airport to see £1.1 billion expansion and 5,000 new jobs



Stansted airport is to receive a £1.1 billion investment to improve and expand its terminal building - creating up to 5,000 new on-site jobs. The plans will include more seating areas, new shops, bars and restaurants. Construction is due to begin in 2025 and is expected to take between two and three years to complete.

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### Seven London boroughs get millions of pounds from Government to build homes on abandoned land



Seven London boroughs have been given funding to clear land to build over 1,000 houses across Camden, Haringey, Newham, Barking and Dagenham, Barnet, Croydon and Hackney. The move will create more jobs and help boost economic growth across the country.

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## 5 London universities are officially the best in the world for 2025



The Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2025 has named five London universities among the best in the world. The ranking is decided on research environment, quality of teaching and international outlook and income of each institution.

Below shows the ranking and the university:

- 9. Imperial College London
- 22. University College London
- 36. King's College London
- 50. London School of Economics and Political Science
- 141. Queen Mary, University of London

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## LinkedIn Top Startups 2024: The 10 companies on the rise in London



LinkedIn has revealed its list of top startups in London. LinkedIn notes that these companies are not just growing fast, they are gaining attention locally and building innovative solutions that are shaping the future of their industries. The startup sectors include financial services, IT, manufacturing, wellness and fitness and biotechnology research.

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## **‘National conversation’ on curriculum begins**



The DfE is asking for young people, parents, employers and education staff, leaders and experts to take part in a 'national conversation' about how the curriculum and assessment system can better prepare young people for life and work.

The 8-week consultation will look closely at key stages 1 to 4 and 16-19 education. There will be a focus on the challenges and barriers for young people - in particular those who are socio-economically disadvantaged, or with SEND.

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## **Mayor announces record-breaking £100m investment deals for Londoners**



The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan has announced investment deals worth more than £100 million for Londoners so far in 2024. The deals have seen companies from China, Europe, India, and the US invest in the capital in the last five years, with 543 companies creating nearly 10,000 jobs for Londoners in industries of the future such as technology, life sciences, and the green sector.

The Mayor also said that three tech businesses are planning further investment in the capital - Indian IT giant Mphasis, digital marketing and automation platform Constant Contact and financial tech company MoonPay.

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## North East

### Healthcare training facility opens to support delivery of new T-level course



A new healthcare training facility in Blyth, supported by Northumbria University, has opened that will support students studying a T Level in health. The course, which will provide hands-on practical experience, started in September and is designed to support young people considering careers in healthcare.

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### University of Sunderland acquires Access Training



The University of Sunderland has acquired North East independent training provider, Access Training. The move will allow the university to deliver a wider range of programmes, support greater access to apprenticeships and other training routes, and provide alternative pathways to higher education.

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## North East skills project receives four-figure grant to help people find work



The Parker Trust's Pathways project, based in Sunderland, has received a £4,914 grant to support young people aged 16 to 25. The project aims to remove barriers to employment and improve long-term job prospects. The project, now in its second year, looks at issues such as low school attainment, low confidence, and undiagnosed autism.

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## North East England's five universities to strengthen collaboration



The five universities of North East England will launch a partnership later this year in order to achieve greater social and economic impact. The Universities for North East England (UNEE) collectively contribute £2.7 billion and 33,500 jobs to the UK's economy.

The plan is to make sure higher education is even more accessible to students - and also that businesses and other organisations can work with the sector as easily as possible

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## South

### Dorset Council provides £200k for youth groups across county



More than 40 organisations have received grants ranging from £1,000 to £10,000 through Dorset Council's Youth Fund Grant.

The funding will support voluntary organisations and allow young people aged 11-19 to engage in positive activities and have a safe place to go. Other places such as sports clubs, and drama and arts groups have also received funding from the council.

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### Somerset children instrumental in shaping Young People's Plan



Over 6,000 children and young people in Somerset have shared their views on what they need to lead healthy and happy lives. The new Somerset Children and Young People's Plan found some of the following highlights:

- Having the best experience in education: Schools, colleges, and educational institutions need to help children and young people feel more included and supported.
- Good mental health and wellbeing: Support to lead happy lives and assistance in their schools, colleges, and communities.

- Well prepared for adulthood: A need for cradle-to-career support to become independent and prepared for adulthood.

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### University of Brighton secures funding

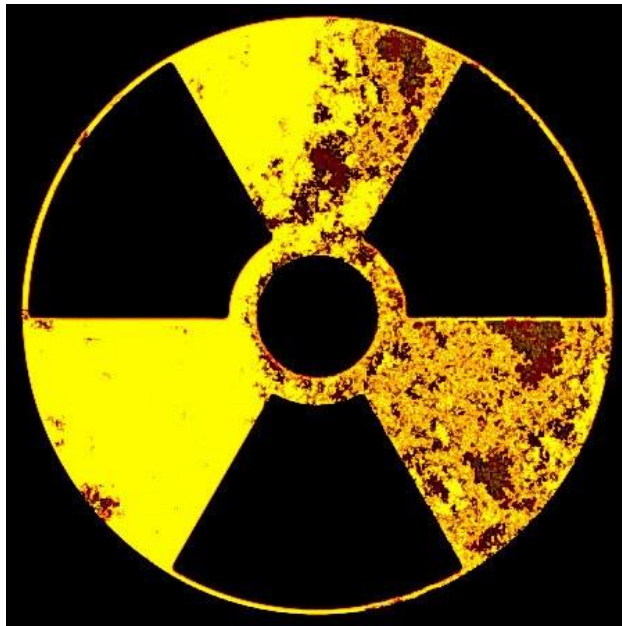


The University of Brighton has been awarded nearly £10,000 funding to help support those from deprived and diverse backgrounds to access its new teacher degree apprenticeships (TDA).

The project aims to offer 50 apprenticeships in the 2025/26 academic year, rising to 60 in 2026/27. There will initially be two TDA routes – for those wishing to teach primary education and secondary maths – and future plans are in place to introduce further secondary routes.

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### Over 250 apprentices join Plymouth nuclear firm Babcock



More than 260 apprentices and graduates have started at engineering firm Babcock in Plymouth. They will be some of the first to benefit from the recently opened Engineering and Nuclear Skills building at City College Plymouth, part of the Babcock Skills Academy.

The apprentice roles include slingers, fabricators and pipe workers, as well as electrical fitters, mechanical fitters and computer numerical control (CNC) machinists.

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## Useful websites and resources



### [Renewable energy resources](#)

Free resources for schools - films and plug and play lessons about real people doing real jobs in renewable energy.

### [Green engineering posters](#)

A set of six free posters highlighting green engineering careers that includes discussion points and homework tasks.

### [Your Career in Forestry](#)

Discover all the different roles, career paths, training courses and apprenticeships available in this sector in a campaign by the Forestry Commission.

### [The Army](#)

New refreshed and updated website with interactive features and a focus on army careers, support and training.



### [Check into Hospitality 2025](#)

A career guide to roles across the sector, in hotels, restaurants, foodservice and pubs and bars.

### [Big Inclusive SEND Careers Handbook](#)

Available to buy on Amazon - everything you wanted to know about SEND, inclusion and careers.

## Dates for your diary



### **National**

- [Green Careers Week](#) - 4 - 9 November
- [The National School and College Leaver Festival](#), The NEC Birmingham - 12 - 13 November

### **London**

- [Pilot Careers Live](#), London Heathrow - 2 November
- [National Apprenticeship and Education Event](#), South London (The Kia Oval ) - 5 November
- [London Careers Fair](#), Tottenham Hotspur Stadium - 8 November

### **North East**

- [The National Apprenticeship Show North East](#), Vertu Motors Arena, Newcastle - 19 and 20 November

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