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East London Careers Hub visit to Framestore

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# FOREWORD

**UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) projects have contributed significantly to the Mayor's ambition for inclusive economic growth, a greener economy, safer and happier communities, and unleashing the potential of all Londoners.**

“ The Mayor's vision for London is a city which is safer, fairer, greener and more prosperous. Through the London Growth Plan our ambition is to help create 150,000 new high-quality jobs by 2030 and return London to pre-financial crisis rates of growth. Recent years have been challenging, but with the London Growth Plan we will grow the London economy to improve the lives of all Londoners, drive London's green transition, and support prosperity in London and across the country.

In 2022, we received the first allocation of UKSPF for London. This new fund was intended by the previous Government to replace European regionally-managed funding, although disappointingly at a lower level than originally promised.

Nevertheless, we have used it effectively working in partnership with London Councils, the education and voluntary sectors and many others to continue to reduce inequality in the capital and boost prosperity across London and beyond. I have witnessed first-hand the transformative impact these innovative projects have made on our businesses, communities, young people and most disadvantaged groups. The welcome one-year extension announced by government will allow the programme to continue to contribute to our London Growth Plan mission.

This brochure is a testament to the amazing work our UKSPF projects have achieved, from supporting residents into good work, helping increase the knowledge, confidence and resilience of businesses, reducing carbon emissions, and improving public spaces for our communities, to name just a few. I am looking forward to working with all our partners to further boost opportunities for Londoners and businesses to drive growth in our great city.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Dawber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Howard Dawber, Deputy Mayor of London for Business and Growth

## LOCAL LONDON

Delivered by Work Redbridge

From being helped, to helping others.

In north east and south east London, UKSPF has helped over 2,100 people get closer to the job market. In Redbridge, it has notably supported refugees from Ukraine.

After passing her ESOL course with flying colours, Helen Tkachenko turned to Work Redbridge for help finding work. She volunteered and her drive to help others was so strong, they employed her directly to help many more Ukrainian refugees who have gone on to help the community and find great jobs.

Helen has been instrumental in setting up community support groups and has hosted regular drop-in sessions to help Ukrainians complete paperwork.



Helen Tchachenko, Work Redbridge

Helen explained “When Ukrainians arrive they struggle to find a job here because they have different qualifications, they have different knowledge and skills, and they don’t know how the system works.

Work Redbridge helps them with everything from learning English, finding schools and work. Everyone in my team has a big heart and they give a lot of attention to clients. Our clients are happy to work with us because they feel protected and more confident.

Thanks to the programme, 35 Ukrainians found jobs in 2024. One refugee was recruited as a manager in a big bank, so I’m really proud of her.”

## DIGITAL HEALTH. LONDON

Delivered by the NHS

**Accelerating digital health innovation for lasting impact.**

DigitalHealth.London, delivered by the Health Innovation Network South London in partnership with CW+ (charity for Chelsea and Westminster Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) and MedCity (cluster organisation, supporting London's life sciences and healthcare innovation), has played a vital role in helping digital health businesses bring their innovations into the NHS and social care systems.

Over the past two years, the programme has supported more than 160 businesses, guiding them through the complexities of NHS procurement and implementation. Additionally, over 40 social entrepreneurs have received assistance in forming their businesses and developing their ideas.

A strong focus on diversity and inclusion has led to the support of 90+ founders from minority ethnic backgrounds, 60+ female founders, and 30+ founders with disabilities. The programme provided mentorship, industry connections, and funding opportunities, ensuring that entrepreneurs had the skills and confidence to navigate the healthcare market. Businesses at various stages, from established digital health companies to pre-startup entrepreneurs, benefited from tailored guidance and strategic support.

One standout success is Just Once, a paperless carers assessment tool that reduced a 30-day process to just 15 minutes. "What resonated most with me on the programme was getting access to peer support to help me not feel so alone," shared founder, Michael-Jordan Faucher-Folie. The programme helped Just Once secure a commercially viable pilot with the Royal Borough of Greenwich, enabling real-world testing and implementation.



Ruth Bradbury, DigitalHealth.London

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## SUPPLIER READINESS PROGRAMME

Delivered by  
Westminster City Council

**Diversifying procurement and enabling small businesses.**

Westminster City Council (WCC), in partnership with Westminster Business Council (WBC), delivered their Supplier Readiness Programme, helping over 400 small and micro-businesses in Westminster become procurement-ready for public and private sector contracts.

The programme provided tailored guidance, hybrid training sessions, and business mentoring, equipping participants with the skills to navigate the bidding process effectively. Businesses also benefited from meet-the-buyer events, best practice sharing, and a supplier directory, connecting them with WCC partners for contract opportunities.

A key focus was supporting diverse and mission-led businesses, including those owned by women, disabled entrepreneurs, and underrepresented groups, as well as social enterprises and green, small and medium-sized enterprises. By the end of the programme, participants were better prepared to submit compliant bids, improve efficiency, and increase turnover, with many securing contracts with the council and private companies.

Through this initiative, WCC and WBC played a crucial role in strengthening Westminster's small business ecosystem, unlocking growth opportunities and fostering long-term sustainability.

One such business was Flourish Group. Founder, Fran Lee, says: "The programme was integral in supporting us through a procurement process, which enabled us to develop a brand new space for the community at Ernest Harriss House Community Hub".



Supplier Readiness Programme workshop

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Delivered by London Skills & Development Network

**Toyin's journey to professional growth.**

Toyin joined the UKSPF-funded London Skills & Development Network (LSDN) Youth Leadership Academy in December 2024. As a full-time wheelchair user with Cerebral Palsy and moderate learning difficulties, Toyin had faced significant challenges in kickstarting her career.

When she joined the programme, her key objectives were to become more independent, gain business administration experience and work towards a professional career.

The initial career-focused support helped Toyin to develop confidence, professionalism, and communication skills.



Toyin Fabusiwa, programme beneficiary

Following this training, she completed a one-month paid placement, where she applied her newly learnt skills in a real workplace setting.

Toyin demonstrated a highly motivated work ethic and strong interpersonal abilities, which helped her to excel in client engagement.

In February 2025, aligned with her career aspirations, Toyin started a full-time Business Administration Apprenticeship in the education sector. She continues to develop her skills, independence, and workplace confidence.

LSDN's Youth Leadership Academy Programme of structured support, inclusive training, and real-world experience has empowered Toyin to reach her full potential and overcome barriers placed in her path. Her journey is a testament to the power of determination, opportunity, and career-focused education.

## CASE STUDY

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## GOOD TECH VENTURES

Delivered by Catch22

Building tech, for good.

Good Tech Ventures is an accelerator programme dedicated to supporting early-stage tech businesses that benefit society. Initially focused on financial modelling, pitch practice, and investment readiness, the programme has evolved into a holistic system tailored to each founder's journey.

Whether helping businesses move from wireframes to a minimum viable product or preparing investment-ready companies for fundraising, the accelerator adapts to meet the needs of its participants. Over the past year, 33 ventures have received hands-on mentorship and the programme has cultivated over 900 members in its award-nominated online community of startup enthusiasts and industry professionals committed to ethical technology.



Catch22 pitching event

Ventures supported span fintech, health tech, and initiatives for the neurodivergent community, driving meaningful social change.

One such success story is Cogs AI, a mental health platform for neurodivergent individuals. "The Good Tech programme was fundamental in identifying gaps in our sales process. With their sales coach, we secured an NHS renewal and a new local authority contract, diversifying our revenue streams," shared Zareen Ali, Co-founder of Cogs AI.



Catch22 participants and staff

## PLACE SHAPING

Delivered by  
London Borough of Enfield

**Public art, and space for businesses.**

Investment from UKSPF has supported ongoing efforts to make Edmonton Green and Angel Edmonton town centres more vibrant, greener, and healthier while fostering physical, cultural, and economic growth.

Officers from the London Borough of Enfield's Place Shaping Team have worked closely with the local community to deliver a series of projects, including outdoor community and cultural spaces, public artwork, and affordable workspaces.

Funding has helped transform unused garages into a new hub for enterprise as part of a broader initiative to reduce urban deprivation and create opportunities for local people.

Angel Yard, a purpose-built collection of 35 small workspaces on the Joyce Avenue and Snell's Park Estate in Angel Edmonton, is operated by the charity Launch It. The hub provides aspiring young business owners aged 18–30 with the space and support to develop their creative visions and launch new ventures.

A public sculpture, An Angel for Edmonton, by artist Rafael Klein, was commissioned outside Snell's Park Estate. Through the Curate Enfield programme, local residents were recruited as public art champions and received specialist mentoring to help them take creative agency and conceive a public art commission for Angel Edmonton town centre.

The Pavilion on The Green, a temporary structure designed by local architects Fisher Cheng in collaboration with the community, will remain on-site for the next three years. Delivered in June 2024, it provides a dedicated space for performances and events. So far, over 60 community and cultural activities have taken place, attracting more than 1,200 attendees.



An Angel for Edmonton sculpture, by Rafael Klein

# ABOUT UKSPF IN LONDON

**The Greater London Authority manages London’s allocation of UKSPF. It works closely with London Councils and borough partners to deliver the funds.**

**London was allocated £144m for the 2022-25 three-year funding period.**

**The allocation has been invested across London in three priority areas:**

**Communities and place** – £40m funding was allocated to London boroughs to enable places to invest to restore their community spaces and relationships and create the foundations for economic development at the neighbourhood-level. It aims to strengthen the social fabric of communities, building pride in place.

**People and skills** – £38.1m was allocated to the People and Skills investment priority for the year 2024-25. It helps Londoners progress into education, employment and training and provide quality work experience for students.

**Supporting local business** –£62m was invested into 28 local projects, in addition to granting funding to London boroughs and London & Partners to support small businesses London wide – creating over 1,100 jobs across various sectors to date. This funding helps boost small business productivity, encouraging growth and increasing job opportunities.

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In late 2024 the UK Government announced a 12-month extension to UKSPF, with £63 million being awarded to London.



Primary school students at “Mad Leap” test-bed

# ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE\*

## PEOPLE AND SKILLS



**14,737**  
People Engaged and Supported



**3,603**  
Londoners into Employment Education or Training



**8,519**  
Reports of Improved Accessibility



**94,326 m<sup>2</sup>**  
Public Space Improvements

## SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS



**273**  
Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction



**19,229**  
Enterprises Supported

## COMMUNITIES AND PLACE

BARTS LIFE SCIENCES | BETTER BANKSIDE | BIG ISSUE INVEST | BRITISH FASHION COUNCIL | BURLEIGH COLLEGE | CAPITAL ENTERPRISE | CATCH22 | CENTRAL LONDON FORWARD | CENTRAL RESEARCH LABORATORY | CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION | DIFFUSION ELITE SECURITY | EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TRUST | EFL IN THE COMMUNITY | EMPLOYMENT EDUCATION TRAINING GROUP | ENTERPRISE ENFIELD | FIRST RUNG | FOUNDERVINE CIC | FUNDING LONDON | GAMES LONDON | GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY | GUYS & ST THOMAS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST | HEART OF THE CITY OF LONDON LTD | HIGH TREES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST | LOCAL LONDON | LONDON & PARTNERS | LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING AND DAGENHAM | LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET | LONDON BOROUGH OF BEXLEY | LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT | LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY | LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN | LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON | LONDON BOROUGH OF EALING | LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD | LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY | LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM | LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY | LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW | LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING | LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON | LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW | LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON | LONDON BOROUGH OF LAMBETH | LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM | LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON | LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM | LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE | LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES | LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK | LONDON BOROUGH OF SUTTON | LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS | LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST | LONDON BOROUGH OF WANDSWORTH | LONDON BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP | LONDON LEARNING CONSORTIUM | LONDON LEGACY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION | LONDON SKILLS & DEVELOPMENT NETWORK | LONDON SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY | NEWABLE | PATHWAY FIRST | RELONDON | REED IN PARTNERSHIP | RINOVA | ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH | ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA | ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES | RUNWAY TRAINING | SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS | SHAW TRUST | SOUTH LONDON PARTNERSHIP | STARTUP DISCOVERY SCHOOL LTD | STEP AHEAD | THE SELBY TRUST | UNITY WORKS | VIRGIN STARTUP | WEST LONDON ALLIANCE | WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

# THANK YOU!

\* Achievements recorded until December 2024



Young person at a careers fair, enabled by Unity Futures



Adult Employment Support, Lewisham Works



Michael-Jordan, founder of Just Once, DigitalHealth.London project



Mad Leap, supported by Future Industries Demonstrator



Participant at Bouncebackability, EET group



Flourish Group, supported by Supplier Readiness Programme

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