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## Explore Your Horizons Speed Networking Event 2018

### Event information and FAQs

We are delighted you will be joining us on Thursday 29 November 2018 to help make a difference to the lives of young Londoners and inspire them about career pathways they didn't even know existed!

#### Contact details

Please email [EnterpriseAdvisers@london.gov.uk](mailto:EnterpriseAdvisers@london.gov.uk) if you have any queries that aren't answered in this document.

**Also, please let us know if you are no longer able to attend the event so we can allocate your place to someone else.**

#### Event Information

- Thursday 29 November 2018
- 12:15- 14:45 (Please check your Eventbrite ticket/s)
- North Gate, Lord's Cricket Ground, Nursery Pavilion, St John's Wood Rd, NW8 8QN

#### What is the event?

The event will see 250 business volunteers, representing several different sectors, give their time to provide a valuable insight into the world of work to 250 young people from schools across London. This will provide a unique opportunity for young people to increase their confidence, knowledge and communication skills by networking and engaging with the business volunteers.

Research shows that there's an 86% reduction in the chance of a young person not being in employment, education or training (NEET) after four or more encounters with the world of work. This event gives young people the chance to have numerous encounters with business professionals from a range of sectors and industries.



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is Team London?

Team London is Mayor Sadiq Khan's volunteering programme. We encourage all Londoners to become active citizens and to give their time to make the capital a better place.

At Team London, we believe volunteering is a great way to help Londoners reach their full potential. It can help them to build the new skills that employers are looking for. It is also a great way to bring people from different backgrounds and communities together. As such, it's a great social leveller and is helping London to become a happier and more unified city.

We also work hard to be part of every community in the city. Alongside small local charities, we create even more opportunities for Londoners to volunteer and encourage businesses to support their staff to give back.

### 2. What is Lord's Community?

Lord's, based in St John's Wood, is the most famous cricket ground in the world. It is owned by Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the most active cricket-playing club in the world. MCC started engaging with communities in January 2014, and since then have established a successful, valuable and sustainable Community Engagement Programme, and are committed to actively engage and enrich the lives of residents.

Using Lord's as a venue, and cricket as a vehicle for social change, MCC aims to bring benefits to the community focusing on three key themes – Education & Employment, Health & Wellbeing and Inclusion & Cohesion.

### 3. What will be the format for the day?

The event will be a combination of speed networking and careers activities and workshops. During the morning, 250 13 -15-year olds will hear from speakers representing different industries and spend some time practising talking about themselves to their peers. In the



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afternoon, the students will then put their newly developed skills to the test, networking with the up to 250 business professionals from various industries across London. This will help them to find out more about the 1,000s of options available to them and inspire them about their future.

Each network will last 5-7 minutes, after which time the students will rotate onto the next speed networking table. Business volunteers will be stationed on each table and will use the time to tell the young people what they do, talk about the company that they work for, their career path to date and how to gain valuable experience through volunteering as well as answering any questions.

Business volunteers will also be encouraged to ask the students questions about themselves and some tips about appropriate questions are available here [LINK TOP TIPS](#).

## Event Schedule for the day

Time	Agenda Item
12:15	Business volunteer arrival and registration
12.45	Welcome from our special guests
13.00	Speed Networking 1
13.45	Sector in focus talk
14.00	Speed Networking 2
14:45 – 15.00	Wrap Up & Close

**As a business volunteer for the day you are only required to attend in the afternoon.**

**Please arrive at Lords for 12:15**

**4. Who will be the young people attending on the day?**



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All young people will be aged between 13-15years old (Year 9 and Year 10) students from a mixture of schools across London. We aim to inspire and excite these young people about the possibilities available in their future as many of them will be preparing for their GCSE examinations in year 11. The schools invited to take part in this year's event are part of the [London Enterprise Adviser Network](#).

Team London, its delivery partners and the Careers & Enterprise Company are working in partnership to deliver the London Enterprise Adviser Network

The Enterprise Adviser Network supports schools by matching them with up to two Enterprise Advisers, senior business volunteers, to develop a whole school careers and business engagement plan. To date over 120 schools and 190+ Enterprise Advisers have been engaged in the London network. The London network is expanding to be offered to mainstream secondary schools, Further Education Colleges and Pupil Referral Units across London. [Find out more](#).

## 5. What do we need from you?

- To ensure the details you have added to our Event Page are accurate and, if applicable, to list each of the individual volunteers attending from your organisation.
- To bring your Eventbrite booking ticket on the day so we can register you quickly and easily.
- A willingness to share your work experiences with young people who have a varying degree of understanding about the world of work and the different jobs and pathways available to them.

## 6. Will travel expenses be reimbursed?

We are unfortunately not able to offer reimbursement of travel expenses to volunteers.

## 7. Will the event be covered in the press?



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We ask if you and/or your employees attending the event are happy to be photographed/filmed during the event. Any photographs taken on the day may be used for Team London materials including Facebook, Twitter and our website. Additionally, we will use the event to produce case studies and look to feature the event on the GLA (Greater London Authority) and Careers & Enterprise Company websites. We may ask for your permission to use direct quotes to be used by the [Careers and Enterprise Company](#).

## **8. Which businesses will be there?**

Young people will get the chance to meet between 10 -15 business professionals to hear more about careers in a variety of sectors. Business volunteers will be sourced from as great a variety of sectors as possible but typically include: Finance; Creative/Digital; Construction/Engineering/Architecture/Property; Communications /Media/PR/ Telecomms; Technology; Public Sector; Professional Services; Sport; Music/Culture; Fashion/Retail; Science and Pharmaceuticals and Data/Research; Energy/Utilities/Environment/Sustainability; Recruitment/HR/ Training; Events/FM/Logistics; Third sector; Catering/Hospitality/Tourism; Entrepreneurship; and Consumer business.

## **9. Will the Mayor of London be there?**

We have several keynote speakers scheduled to attend and they will be confirmed closer to the time.

## **10. Will lunch/snacks be provided?**

Tea, coffee, water and biscuits will be provided.

## **11. Is there a dress code?**

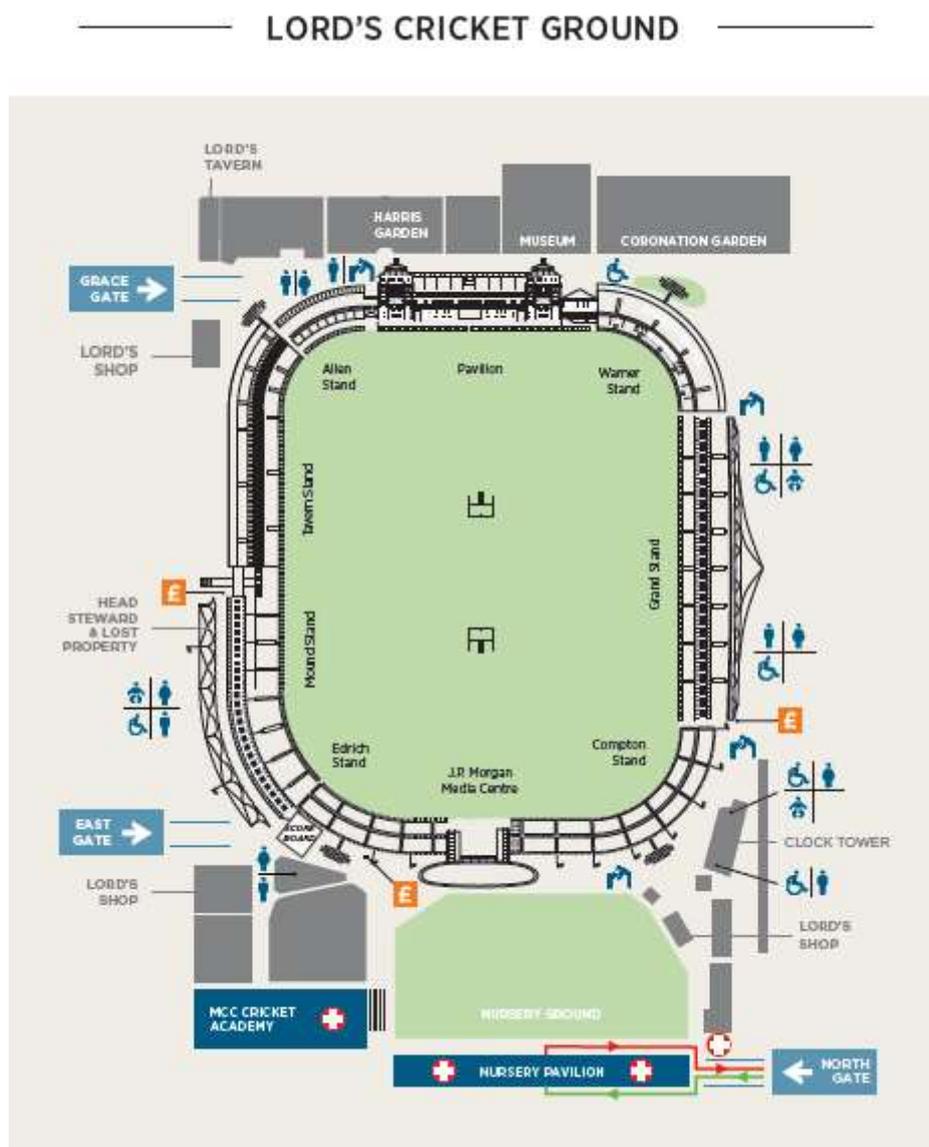
Whilst there is no set dress code we would encourage you to wear what you would typically wear on a normal work day. In this way we will be able to better demonstrate the diversity of roles and workplaces in London.



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## 12. How do we get to the venue?

The venue is at Lord's Cricket Ground, St John's Wood Rd, London, NW8 8QN. Lord's is very close to the centre of London – just 1.5 miles from Marble Arch – and easy to reach by road, tube and bus. St John's Wood is the closest tube station (approximately 5 minutes' walk), and Baker Street, Warwick Avenue, Marylebone and Edgware Road are all within 15 minutes' walk. **Please enter via the North Gate Entrance.**



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## **13. Will there be time for volunteers to tour around Lord's Cricket Ground?**

Whilst there will not be an opportunity during this event to have a tour of Lord's, The Nursery Pavilion, where this event is taking place, has great views of the J.P. Morgan Media centre which overlooks the Main Ground at Lord's.

## **14. Can I bring anything with me to help explain my role during the speed networking?**

Whilst this is not required, if you would like to bring something with you to help explain your industry or role you are welcome to as long as it is small, handheld and can be carried by you without assistance. Space will be very limited at the event so please do not bring anything large or bulky as this may affect the organisation of the speed networking section.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

