

Local Government Association

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the LGA Apprenticeship newsletter for **March 2019**, highlighting the latest news and developments on apprenticeships relevant to local authorities. Please feel free to circulate this to your own networks.

Joining the KHub

The KHub is the place to find all of our information and best practice as well as to engage in discussions with colleagues from across the country. If you've not yet joined, please first register using the following link <https://khub.net/sign-up>. Once you have registered, please email Sadique.miah@local.gov.uk to be invited into the apprenticeship levy group. The direct link to our group is <https://khub.net/group/apprenticeship-levy-group-2016-2020/group-home>. Please note we are not currently accepting any membership from schools or academies and if your Council is set-up as shared/outsourced service please provide your [.gov](mailto:) email address.

Got an urgent question on apprenticeships? Email us on our 24/7 query line on info@spark.org.uk

LGA Apprenticeships Survey 2019: The Results Webinar – Thursday 7th March 9.30am – 11am

On Thursday 7th March I will be running a webinar to present the results of our 2019 Apprenticeships Survey. This webinar will focus on the survey for the 151 larger councils (all Unitaries, Counties, London Boroughs and Metropolitan Boroughs) and will cover areas from apprenticeship starts, to levy spend, standards, and key areas like social care, transfers and schools.

Come and hear for yourself the progress that the sector is making this year and understand where your council's performance fits in compared to the sector average.

You can book your place on the webinar [here](#). We will be recording the webinar as usual so you can watch it back afterwards if you can't join us live, and the slide pack will be available on the KHUB in the usual way afterwards.

If you've not yet responded to the survey but want your council's responses included there's still (just about!) time to submit your answers. Please fill in the attached form and send it back to me no later than 2pm on Wednesday 6th March.

Government Review of the Apprenticeship Levy – Employer Survey

In the latest stage of their consultation with employers on the long-term operation of the Apprenticeship Levy, the government has released a short survey for employers, providers and representative organisations.

You can find the survey [here](#).

We would strongly encourage local authorities to respond to this survey to ensure your views are heard and we will continue to provide updates on the government's engagement with employers over the future of the Levy in future newsletters.

Webinar: INLOGOV's MSc Public Management and Leadership Degree Apprenticeship

INLOGOV at the University of Birmingham will be holding the third of their regular lunchtime webinars for their September 2019 intake for their Degree Apprenticeship in Public Management and Leadership.

The apprenticeship includes both an MSc in Public Management and Leadership and a Level 7 Senior Leader Master's Degree Apprenticeship. The MSc consists of six taught modules and a work-based dissertation and is provided through a mix of online and campus-based teaching. Apprentices will also complete an e-portfolio of work-based experiences and projects to feed into the End Point Assessment of the apprenticeship.

The webinar will take place on **Thursday 7 March at 12 noon**. You can register for the webinar via Eventbrite [here](#). Once registered, participants will receive full joining instructions.

Community-Based Roles across Health and Care Level 3 Trailblazer

Public Health Trailblazer is exploring employer interest in the development of a Level 3 apprenticeship standard. It is envisaged that a Level 3 standard could support the development of people in community-based roles, such as health trainers, social prescribing link workers, care navigators, community connectors, health and wellbeing advisors.

Public Health England will be holding a one-day workshop on **the 29th March 2019 11am – 3:30pm**. We ask that you promote this widely as possible to your departments, stakeholders and networks.

The workshop is aimed at employers of community-based workers, education and training providers, human resource and workforce development managers and public health leads. To register please [click this link](#), if you have any enquiries please email sp-phskf@phe.gov.uk

Cyber Security Technician Level 3 Trailblazer

Bletchley Park Qufaro have identified a gap in the Cyber Security standards and are now sponsoring the development of Level 3 standard. There are over 25 companies involved in the trailblazer including SME's. The first meeting will be held 7th March 2019 in London during the apprenticeship week and therefore the meeting will be a half day. There will be a virtual group available for those who are unable to attend the trailblazer group meetings and notes will be readily available post meetings. This standard may be of particular interest to Local Authorities who are involved in the LGA Cyber Security Programme <https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-cyber-resilience-funded-programme-201819>.

If you would like to be involved in the trailblazer you can contact Dr Budgie Dhanda Email : budgie.dhanda@qufaro.uk

Highways Engineer Apprenticeship Trailblazer

Thank you to everyone that has responded indicating they want to take part in the Highways Engineer Apprenticeship Trailblazer being proposed by Wiltshire Council. Just in case anyone missed it, Nathalie Smith put a call out on the KHUB last month looking for other councils to join with them on creating a trailblazer to develop a new Highway Engineer standard. In their experience, the current Civil Engineering apprenticeship is much more geared towards structural design and does not cover everything they need for their highways team. Instead they are proposing developing a new standard that would have two pathways – one for highway technicians (those repairing roads,

maintenance, materials and testing) and one for Transport Planning (covering planning and legislation). For further information contact Nathalie.Smith@Wiltshire.gov.uk or you can reply to the [KHUB thread here](#)

Open University Webinar

The Open University (OU) will be holding a webinar in National Apprenticeship Week 2019. They will be sharing how OU has worked with organisations to address their skills gaps through their successful higher and degree apprenticeship programmes, as well as sharing success stories from different sectors and will show how apprenticeships help employers develop both new and existing employees to realise their potential and future-proof their businesses in uncertain times.

To book your place at the OU webinar click here to [register here](#). The free webinar will take place on Thursday 7th March 10am.

Crown Commercial Services – Webinars

CCS is arranging webinars to take all interested RoATP potential suppliers through the forthcoming procurement process for their new Apprenticeship Training Procurement Framework, which is due to be published towards the end of March. You can find more details of the procurement, the webinars and the registration process [here](#).

Youth Worker Standards Level 2 and 3

The National Youth Agency (NYA) would like to thank councils who put their names forward for the trailblazer and who supported them in developing the Level 6 Youth Worker occupational standard. Going forward the NYA would like to start working on Level 2 and Level 3 Youth Worker standards and are looking for further volunteers to support the trailblazers.

To help the NYA get on its way they have produced a very simple survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YouthWorkWorkforceStrategy> and would like local authorities to take a moment to complete this. The survey will take less than 20 minutes to complete and it will help the NYA get a current picture of Youth Services in local authorities, volunteering capacity and also engage better with central government and its stakeholders. If you would like further information you may contact Abbee McLatchie email: AbbeeM@nya.org.uk

Westminster City Council Apprentices

As you will be all aware National Apprenticeship week has already started and Westminster City Council are celebrating the achievements of their apprentices. To mark this moment they have produced two videos of their Apprentices for National Apprenticeship week. Aruj Haider who is leading on the programme at Westminster City Council says she feels 'very proud of them'. To see the videos click below

[Apprentice 1 video](#)

[Apprentice 2 video](#)

Apprenticeships in the News

How local areas are tackling youth unemployment

Jude Burke, FE Week, Fri 11th Jan 2019

[Read more here](#)

Public sector apprentices are older and more diverse

By George Ryan, 28 February 2019

[Read more here](#)

ESFA to explore 'flexibilities' for T-level industry placement

Fraser Whieldon Fri 1st Mar 2019

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Blazing a trail: a woman's journey from apprentice to director

Emma Finamore, Fri 1st Mar 2019

[Read more here](#)

Previous Newsletters

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Your suggestions/ideas

If you have any suggestions for what you'd like to see in future newsletters, have items you want to add yourselves, want to sign a colleague up to our mailing list or want to **unsubscribe** yourself from the mailing list, please contact Sadique.miah@local.gov.uk

Best wishes

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