

LGA Apprenticeship newsletter for **May 2018**

Welcome to the latest LGA Apprenticeship newsletter for **May 2018**, highlighting the latest news and developments on apprenticeships that are 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 accepting any memberships from schools and if your council is set-up as shared services or outsourced please provide your gov email address.

LGA Launch 2018/19 Support Offer

The LGA launched this year's apprenticeships support offer for the sector last week. The offer comes in two parts: a general support offer – including a 24/7 Queryline, webinars, regional workshops, fortnightly KHUB Q&A Sessions, guidance and toolkits – which is open to all councils, and a bespoke support offer of direct support for 20 councils. Through this bespoke support offer, the LGA will work with the successful local authorities to help them develop their apprenticeship programmes, with at least two days of free support provided by our team of consultants.

More information about both programmes can be found in the announcement section on the KHUB [here](#) (scroll down to the bottom right of the page), and you can download the various documents and application forms in the LGA Support Folder, also on the KHUB [here](#). We gather that the link to download a copy of the Maturity Model contained in the Application Form is not working for everyone. A copy is attached to this email, and you can download it on the KHUB [here](#)

The deadline for applications for the bespoke support offer is 5pm on 1 June 2018. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the LGA's support offer further, please contact Jamie Saddler on jamie.saddler@local.gov.uk or 07780 226 832.

Blasting Through the Barriers – The Apprenticeship Challenge'

5 June 2018, 09.00 – 16.00

Duxford Airspace Conference Centre, Duxford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR

Part of the LGA's support programme this year includes providing funding to support regional apprenticeships events around the country. We've partnered with the East of England LGA to put on 'Blasting Through the Barriers – The Apprenticeship Challenge' on 5 June 2018 at Duxford Airspace Conference Centre. At this event you will hear from inspiring speakers, including Laura-Jane Rawlings, Founder and CEO of Youth Employment UK and a panel of apprentices who will provide an insight into their real-life experiences as apprentices.

There will be plenty of opportunities for networking, and there will be a series of practical workshops on topics from procurement, schools, and 20% off the job training, to trailblazers, workforce development, and how to sell apprenticeships to staff, managers and members, facilitated by a range of speakers, including Eddie Gibson and Lucy Ashwell (Senior Managers at EELGA), Jamie Saddler (Apprenticeships Adviser, LGA), and Rebecca Rhodes and Tammie Harwin (both formerly of ESFA and now partnering with the LGA on our apprenticeship support programme).

The event is free to all East of England LGA Member Authorities. You are also very welcome to attend if you are from outside the region, but there will be a charge of £120 for non-member organisations to cover costs.

[Book your place and download a copy of the agenda here.](#)

Key Dates for your Diary

Event	Topic	Date
Webinar #1	20% Off the Job: A Practical Guide to Scheduling, Managing & Recording off-the-job learning in an apprenticeship	Fri 25 May 2.30pm – 3.30pm Book Online Here
KHub Q&A Session	Ask us anything about apprenticeships!	Thurs 31 May 2pm - 3pm Post Your Questions Here
Webinar #2	Public Sector Reporting: A Practical Guide to Public Sector Reporting Requirements	Mon 4 June 9.30am – 10.30am Book Online Here
Blasting through the Barriers	East of England LGA One-Day Conference on Apprenticeships	Tues 5 June Book Online Here
Webinar #3 & #4	Funding Rules: ESFA Funding Rules July 2018 - March 2019	Wed 13 June Summary 9.30am - 10.30am Book Online Here Briefing 11am - 12.30pm Book Online Here
KHub Q&A Session	Ask us anything about apprenticeships!	Fri 22 June 9.30am - 10.30am Post Your Questions Here

Webinar #5	The DAS System: A Practical Guide to Managing your Apprenticeship Service (AS) Account	Fri 29 June 9.30am - 10.30am Book Online Here
Webinar #6	Schools: Building a Case for Apprenticeships for School Staff	Fri 13 July 9.30am - 10.30am Book Online Here

Public Sector Reporting

The system for reporting your progress towards meeting the public-sector target is now live. The LGA has produced some guidance and suggested points to include in your narrative. You can download the guidance from the KHUB [here](#).

Please note that it has come to our attention that there is a 250-word limit for each of the four questions you are asked to respond to in the narrative section (1,000 words total). We raised this with DfE and they have indicated this is something they are going to keep under review, depending on the feedback they receive from employers. If this word limit proves to be problematic to your authority in explaining your progress, please let Jamie Saddler know as soon as possible on jamie.saddler@local.gov.uk. Please also let Jamie know if you are finding any other problems with the reporting process.

10% Transfers

As many of you will be aware, employers are now able to use the Transfers system, though they are currently limited to transferring funding to only one employer. DfE is still committed to lifting this restriction as soon as they can, with the first review point taking place at the end of June. The latest information we have is that although the government is not yet willing publicly to put a date on when this restriction will be lifted, an August or September date is looking likely. We will provide more concrete information on this when we have it.

In the meantime, if you need further information on how the transfers system works, please visit the following links:

- [Visit the transfers page on GOV.UK](#)
- [Read this updated blog on tips for getting prepared for transfers](#)
- [Watch short videos on using the apprenticeship service and making a transfer](#)
- [Follow @ESFAdigital on Twitter](#)

If you have any questions you can contact the Apprenticeship Service on 08000 150 600 or helpdesk@manage-apprenticeships.service.gov.uk

Latest news on Trailblazers and Standards

[Level 6 \(degree\) apprenticeship standard for public health practitioners](#)

Public Health England is currently leading the development of a degree apprenticeship for the occupation of Public Health Practitioner (PHP). Working with a range of employing

organisations, and universities across England, the [Trailblazer Group](#) has been given [approval](#) from the Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA) to develop a standard. The multi-agency trailblazer, which is chaired by Fiona Harris, Consultant in Public Health at the Royal Borough of Greenwich, convenes regularly to shape the standard and work towards making the apprenticeship ready for delivery.

The trailblazer schedule aims to have the draft standard ready for wider consultation with employers through June/July 2018, with a view to submitting the standard to the IfA in August. Work is currently ongoing through a number of trailblazer sub-groups to draft the standard and develop the End Point Assessment (EPA). The standard is being designed around the [Public Health Skills and Knowledge Framework](#) (PHSKF) that was published in 2016, following a re-design so that the Framework reflects the needs of local authorities employing public health teams in England. Both the PHSKF and apprenticeships are mentioned in the recently published LGA [employer standards](#) for public health teams. For more information on the apprenticeship and the PHSKF, or if you would like to be involved in the trailblazer, please email sp-phskf@phe.gov.uk

To see Apprenticeship Standards that are in development the list can be found [here](#) This is not an exhaustive list and we would like colleagues to provide us with an update on current trailblazers/standards you are involved in. Please contact Sadique.miah@local.gov.uk

Highlighting Best Practice

One of the things we want to use this newsletter for is highlighting good practice and case studies from around the sector. We've set up a folder on the KHUB to upload examples of good practice (which you can find [here](#)). We will be adding to this over the next few weeks and will be highlighting a different case study in each of our newsletters.

This month – Camden's Flexible Apprenticeship Scheme. You can read the case study [here](#), and read more about the different models for flexible apprenticeships (which also highlights Camden's work) in the report by the Learning & Work Institute and the Timewise Foundation [here](#).

If you are doing something interesting or innovative on apprenticeships and want to share it more widely with the sector as a case study, please contact Jamie Saddler on jamie.saddler@local.gov.uk

LGA workforce Podcast:

May edition of Workforce News looks at how our sector is getting on with the new apprenticeship levy and targets one year on. Southwark Council's Leader and Thurrock Council's apprenticeship programme lead tell us about the fantastic work they are doing to manage the scheme. And we hear from Matthew Wallis at Central Bedfordshire Council about his experience of being an apprentice with a disability. Click [here](#)

Apprenticeship Awards for Local Government

North Norfolk District Council apprentice of the year – Find out more [here](#)

Sheffield City Council is celebrating winning two regional awards at the AAC Apprenticeship Awards – Find out more [here](#)

Stockport Council Apprentice wins prestigious award – Find out more [here](#)

Stockport Council Apprentices awarded their Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (IDeA) from The Duke of York – Find out more [here](#)

Has your council or an apprentice in your local authority won an award recently? Let Sadique know for inclusion in the next newsletter (Sadique.miah@local.gov.uk).

Apprenticeships in the Media

Apprenticeship 'robbery' report: Is poor policy trashing a good idea?

James Moore, Independent, Fri 13 April 2018

[Read more here](#)

Minister admits to confusion over apprenticeship quality accountability

Billy Camden, FE Week, Tues 15 May 2018

[Read more here](#)

MPs slam apprenticeship off-the-job rules as a 'burden' on employers

Emily Burt, People Management, Weds 16 May 2018

[Read more here](#)

Apprenticeships plummet as UK levy rollout goes awry

Amy Bounds, Financial Times, Fri 18 May 2018

[Read more here](#)

Whitehall announces £1,000 apprenticeship bursary for care leavers

William Eichler, localgov.co.uk, Fri 18 May 2018

[Read more here](#)

PE apprenticeships solve Kent schools' levy woes

Alix Robertson, Schools Week, Sat 19 May 2018

[Read more here](#)

Most popular apprenticeships face rate cuts in IfA 'funding band review'

Billy Camden, FE Week, Mon 21 May 2018

[Read more here](#)

Most local authorities to train social workers through apprenticeships

Luke Stevenson, Community Care, Tues 22 May 2018

[Read more here](#)

Previous Newsletters

Missed one of our previous newsletters? They are now archived on the KHUB. You can find copies at the links below:

[February 2018](#)

[April 2018](#)

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 on Sadique.miah@local.gov.uk.

Best wishes

Sadique, Jamie and Nigel

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