

WHAT IS CAPITAL SKILLS?

Capital Skills is a pan London programme designed to engage employers in creating innovative projects to support work related learning for students aged 14 to 19.

Funded by the London Development Agency and the Government Office for London, Capital Skills is a partnership of four Sector Skills Councils, five Education Business Links consortia 30 EBP's, Trident Trust and SETNET London.

Capital Skills will broker improved links between schools, colleges and employers in four priority employment sectors for London.

Sector Education Business Managers (SEBMs) based within the sector skills Councils for health and social care, retail, engineering and the creative and media industries will support you in working with employers and schools to develop innovative projects that will enhance the work related learning opportunities for London students.

There will be a focus on rolling out good practice across London and ensuring that young people in the outer London boroughs or those that do not have a tradition in that sector can access relevant employer engagement activities. The project is aimed at increasing the number of businesses working with schools with a particular emphasis on small and medium sized businesses.

Funding

The Sector Education Grant will provide development and project funding to support innovative programmes delivered on a regional and borough basis. Funding will support organisations working in partnership with regional partners to deliver proven projects in a new geographical region or to develop projects which enhance the standard menu of activities such as work experience, mentoring and employers visits.

Funding is available through the Sector Education Grants to:

- Engage employers at a borough or regional level.
- Develop innovative projects, which can be scaled up.
- Develop curriculum materials.

SEBM's will work in partnership with EBP's and other EBLO's to help recruit employers to support these programmes.

Employers / Schoolnet

The Employer School NET database will be created as part of the www.businesses-schools-together.com, which is an established EBL website. The database will contain details of each project delivered providing models of employer engagement that can be transferred across London and will be available to employers and education practitioners.

Working with the SEBMs

The four SEBMs will work in partnership with EBPs and other EBLOs to recruit employers and create and deliver programmes in schools and colleges. The SEBMs will encourage employers to become involved in supporting existing EBP projects as soon as possible by linking employers with EBPs and schools.

The SEBMs will keep EBPs informed at all times of the links they are pursuing and any projects they are developing.