

# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING TO DEVELOP TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE BY WORKING WITH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TODAY?

We are helping young people to develop the skills and attitudes they need to thrive in your sector. But we need your help too. This document will explain how you can get involved and what the benefits will be.

## What is Capital Skills?

Capital Skills is a pan London programme funded by the London Development Agency and the Government Office for London designed to engage employers in creating innovative projects that will enhance work related learning opportunities for London students aged 14-19.

Capital Skills is a partnership between four Sector Skills Councils, and all the Education Business Links Organisations working to support students across the 33 boroughs of Greater London.

The Capital Skills partnership 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 schools to create projects that will allow students to develop the skills and knowledge of your industry.

## What are the benefits to your business?

Many employers already provide support to students and schools through a variety of programmes organised by Education Business Partnerships and other Education Business Links Organisations.

Supporting the Capital Skills project will mean that you are helping London Teachers and Training Providers to deliver innovative projects which will give young people the chance to develop the skills and attributes they need to obtain employment in your sector and make a real contribution to your business.

## How can you get involved?

Your commitment will depend on your resources and the time you have to commit to the project. From a couple of hours a year to a weekly commitment there are a wide variety of activities you can become involved in. For example:

- Help students understand the relevance of their studies in a work context.
- Host a visit from a teacher to inform them of the skills and knowledge their students need to develop to gain employment in your business.
- Provide a work experience opportunity for a local student.
- Act as a mentor for a young person wishing to work in your sector.

## Next Steps

The SEBM attached to the Sector Skills Council for your business will be happy to discuss the programmes you can become involved in to support the Capital Skills project. They will then be able to signpost you to the organisation who will provide support and training where necessary to help you get involved.

**For further information visit the Capital Skills page at [www.businesses-schools-together.com](http://www.businesses-schools-together.com) or contact Kevin Simmonds on 020 7641 1301 or email [ksimmonds@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:ksimmonds@westminster.gov.uk)**