



Croydon College wins Digital Skills Hub funding from Greater London Authority

Croydon College – based in the heart of one of the top 10 tech destinations in the UK – will be working with 17 of the borough's employers to ensure residents can obtain the digital skills needed to excel in their careers.

The Greater London Authority (GLA) has granted funding to Croydon College to lead the Croydon Digital Skills Hub with John Ruskin College, which will support learners to gain access to tech training, apprenticeships, work placements, job opportunities and increase digital inclusion, while also supporting employers in the digital sector to understand how to break down barriers and increase inclusivity.

Croydon College are covering four subject areas – all of which are free for learners who currently don't hold a Level 3 or higher qualification:

- BCS Level 3 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Advanced) (ITQ)
- NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Cyber Security Practices
- NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Coding Practices
- Gateway Level 3 Certificate in Systems Infrastructure

Croydon College will also provide access to its careers coach service, while John Ruskin College has also received funding to deliver two Digital Skills Hub courses - Nonregulated Level 2 ICT and a Certificate in IT User skills ECDL (ITQ).

For employers referring an existing member of staff, an obligation to co-fund the training with a 30% contribution is required.

Fadia Clarke, Croydon College's Vice Principal Training Skills & Higher Education: "We are delighted to have been successful in receiving GLA funding to deliver the Croydon Digital Skills Hub, which will make local residents' gain much-needed skills to improve their employability and confidence.

"As Croydon continues to excel as a tech destination, the Digital Skills Hub will play a key role in ensuring the borough remains there, boosting outcomes for learners and employers.

"The Digital Skills Hub will also empower employers to upskill their employees, enabling businesses to diversify their offerings and bring in new revenue streams.

"We can't wait to get started in playing an even greater role in supporting our borough's residents and employers."

Kam Dehal, Executive Director, Commercial & Partnerships, Orbital South College Group, said: "John Ruskin College is proud to be part of this really important collaboration in delivering the digital skills that are needed to serve our businesses and communities. The world of tech is fast paced, vibrant and broad in its offer, and impacts every aspect of our lives. The Digital Skills Hub will allow us to help deliver the skills that are needed today and into the future, impacting Croydon and its surrounding areas."

To find out more information on the Croydon Digital Skills Hub at Croydon College, and to apply, visit www.croydon.ac.uk/the-croydon-digital-skills-hub/

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Croydon College

Croydon College opened in the 1950s, successfully delivering education, training and skills to the local community and now has more than 6,000 students starting every year.

The College is one of the largest and most successful providers of Further (college) and Higher (university) Education courses in the South East, judged ‘Good’ at all levels in all areas by external inspections by Ofsted and the Quality Assurance Agency (for Higher Education).

With the ambition to ensure that all students can reach their full potential, the College offers a wide range of academic and vocational qualifications, including degrees, Apprenticeships, BTEC, City and Guilds and NVQs.

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John Ruskin College

John Ruskin College is situated in Selldon, Croydon and specialises in vocational education at a variety of levels to suit everyone.

The College offers a wide range learning options, including Full and Part-time BTEC and Vocational courses, Apprenticeships, T-Levels, and Part-time Leisure and Career courses for adults.

John Ruskin College forms part of the Orbital South College group which includes East Surrey College in Redhill and Reigate School of Art.

For full details, please visit <https://www.johnruskin.ac.uk>