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Job Hub Newsletter

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Summer is your time to shine!

As we step into summer, Camden is looking beautiful and things are busier than ever, with lots of local opportunities on offer for you.

Here at the Job Hub, we continue to see a lot of activity in the local jobs market – and applications are open for courses starting in September.

We would love to work with you, wherever you are on your journey

Although we are called the Job Hub, we support everyone – not just people who want to find a job immediately, but also those who want to start thinking through their options.

What can we help you with? You can talk to us about what you would ideally like to do with your life, and we can support you in looking for the right chances to gain experience and qualifications. Many Job Hub clients start by **volunteering** to build up their experience and skills; **building confidence** by taking part in a group or workshop; or undertaking **training** or **education** that will give them a **qualification** and chance to learn and grow.

We can also help you to **create or update your CV**, **find and apply for jobs**, and **practise for interviews**.

Feeling stuck with your job applications, or attending lots of interviews but not getting an offer? We can talk with you about why, and offer feedback and suggestions for how to get 'unstuck'.

The Job Hub team are happy to meet with you by phone, Zoom, or in person. We are keen to support you in achieving your aims! Please call **07949 144 230** or email jobhub@somerstown.org.uk to make an appointment.

Job Hub Links

Need help navigating new technology?

A big congratulations to James, a painter decorator with 20+ years of experience working in the trade who just needed a helping hand with creating a CV and applying online for job vacancies. We identified jobs that would be a good fit for him and worked together on online applications. After a single job interview, James was offered a job to start on the following Monday!

Free food hygiene qualification – Level 1

Would you like to add to your skills with a Level 1 qualification that can be done remotely in your own time? Getting a Level 1 food hygiene qualification can help with applying for jobs in the catering and hospitality industry, as well as anything else food-related (for example working in a nursery or school where food is served).

If you are interested, please contact us. We are offering free places on an ongoing basis. For more information please email ziaur@somerstown.org.uk

Apprenticeships are for everyone

Whatever your age, you can apply for apprenticeships.

They can be a great way to make a start in a brand-new career or return to work after a break – especially because they offer the chance to 'earn as you learn', with the employer paying your salary as well as for you to do a qualification that's relevant to your work.

Summer is typically a busy season for apprenticeships, with more being advertised at this time of year than at any other time. Most of these are for a September or October start. Please ring us if you would like to talk about how to apply for apprenticeships as we are happy to support you in doing so, or talking through your options.

19-24 years old? New opportunities available for you on the Kickstart scheme

Kickstart is a new scheme designed to encourage employers to offer 6-month paid work experience positions to 19-24 year olds who are not in work, education or employment.

There are many vacancies being advertised in Camden right now and recent opportunities have included exciting opportunities to gain paid experience in social media management, the fashion industry, writing and editing, events management and more.

Please ring us if you think you could benefit from these opportunities and we can tell you more about how to access them.

Overcoming barriers

If you are struggling to overcome a particular challenge relating to employment or training, please get in touch and talk to us about it. We can often point you in the direction of an organisation or fund that can help you. This might mean:

- Suitable clothing for a job interview
- Childcare costs while you attend an interview
- A license or accreditation that you need to get work (for example, a SIA license)
- Access to laptops and other technology to get connected
- Help with fees for a course or training that will enable you to gain a qualification that will help you find employment
- Advice on how to set up your own business
- Something else that isn't on this list!

If you are experiencing a barrier to finding work or training, get in touch. There is often more support available than you may realise, and we can help you to find and apply for it as needed.

We can also refer you to other local Camden organisations that can help you with other areas of your life such as managing your finances, staying mentally and physically healthy, understanding benefits, getting legal advice, and more.

Please call 07949 144 230 or email jobhub@somerstown.org.uk to make an appointment to speak with us. We are working remotely but can also organise a COVID-secure appointment if there is a reason you need to see somebody in person.

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