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NATIONAL NEWS

[UK Tech on the Global Stage. Tech Nation Report 2019](#)

This years Tech Nation Report focuses on the UK's tech businesses and their international reach. Key statistics from the report include:

- London accounts for 36% of UK tech investment
- The recent growth rate for London tech scaleups was 56%, making the cluster first in the world for scaleup growth
- Investment in AI (Artificial Intelligence) grew almost six-fold from 2014 to 2018
- The digital tech business count for London is 51,690.

[Best Technology Companies for Women](#)

Women in Tech have published a list of the best technology companies for women to work for. They are:

- IBM
- Unilever
- Cisco Systems
- Equal Experts
- Accenture
- Sky.

[Network Rail Apprenticeships](#)

Network Rail are taking applications for their September 2019 apprenticeship scheme.

[Amazing Apprenticeships Parents Pack May 2019](#)

This month's parents pack includes information on typical interview questions, new apprenticeship standards and results day helpline.

[GCSE Factsheet for Parents](#)

Factsheet outlining the changes to the GCSE framework and the grading scale which was introduced in 2017. This has been updated to reflect the new GCSE qualifications being examined for the first time this summer.

[Higher Apprenticeship Standard: Career Development Professionals – Approved](#)

The Institute for Apprenticeships has approved and signed off the Higher Apprenticeship Standard and End Point Assessment for Career Development Professionals.

[Reimagining Education Together](#)

Report from Big Change which explores whether today's education system is meeting the needs of young people to allow them to do well in a world where change is happening rapidly. The report explores the opinions of teachers, young people, parents, employers, technologists and policy makers.

[Industrial Strategy](#)

This is a map produced by BEIS to showcase some of the innovations happening around the UK. A useful interactive to encourage ambitious thinking.

[Tuition Fees](#)

A Government review has recommended that university tuition fees should be reduced from their current max of £9,250 to £7,500 and that the maintenance grant to support students from low income families should be restored. On the downside you will have the repayment window extended until 40 years after graduating rather than 30 and the repayments start at £23,000.

[Careermag for parents](#)

A spin off from Careermag, Careermag for parents has been published. You can access this via registering [here](#).

Youth Jobs Gap

Impetus' 'Youth Jobs Gap' series explores the gap in youth employment between young people from a disadvantaged background and those from more well off backgrounds. Key findings include:

- Disadvantaged young people are twice as likely to be NEET (not in employment, education or training) as their better off peers
- Half this gap can be explained by differences in qualification level, however half cannot
- London was found to have the smallest employment gap, compared to other regions.

Skills that matter to employers

Barclays LifeSkills has asked a range of UK employers what employability skills are most important to them. The skills were ranked in order of importance as:

- Problem-solving
- Creativity
- Leadership
- Adaptability
- Resilience
- Communication
- Proactivity

Careers Hubs

The Government is funding the next wave of 18 Careers Hubs and the expansion of two of the existing hubs. According to the DfE, just over 1,300 secondary schools and colleges (around a quarter of those in England) will now benefit from being part of a Careers Hub. For details of what a Careers Hub is, see the information on the Careers & Enterprise Company's site [here](#).

LONDON AND REGIONAL NEWS

Regional Labour Market Statistics in the UK: May 2019

ONS publication which looks at employment, unemployment, economic activity and other employment related statistics at a regional level. In terms of London, some of the headlines include:

- For the three months ending March 2019, the employment rate for London was 75% (with the UK rate being 76.1%)
- For the three months ending March 2019, the unemployment rate for London was 4.4% (with the UK rate being 3.8%)

- Workforce jobs increased in 8 of the 12 regions of the UK between September and December 2018. The largest estimated increase of 59,000 was in the South East, followed by London at 29,000
- In December 2018 (latest workforce jobs data), the region with the highest estimated proportion of workforce jobs in the services sector was London at 91.5%

[#OurLondonMap](#)

Interactive map which highlight activities for young people to do in London.

USEFUL WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

- [Which? University Job Profiles](#). Which? University website have added job profiles for the following careers:
 - ✓ Accountant
 - ✓ Counsellor
 - ✓ Firefighter
 - ✓ Paramedic
 - ✓ Pilot
 - ✓ Police officer
 - ✓ Social worker

Useful guides for any individual considering these careers as an option.

<https://university.which.co.uk/advice/career-prospects/job-profiles>

- [Wow! I Made That](#) website. Information on careers in woodwork, joinery and manufacturing <https://wowimadethat.bwf.org.uk/>
- [Maths Careers](#) website. Careers website which explores maths and its relationship to the world of work. <https://www.mathscareers.org.uk/>
- [Careers in British Intelligence](#) website. Information on careers in GCHQ, MI5 and MI6. <https://www.careersinbritishintelligence.co.uk/>

FUTURE EVENTS

[Master Class: T-Levels and New Occupational Maps](#)

Monday 10th June, 110 Rochester Row

The CDI is working with the DfE to present two, free, half-day sessions focusing on T Levels and the new occupational maps in Manchester and London.

[National Careers Leader and Learning Conference 2019](#)

Thursday 11th to Friday 12th July

[RCN Job Show](#)

17th and 18th September – RCN Job Show, Business Design Centre, London, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

[London Student Jobs Fair](#)

22nd September – 29th September – Students Job Fair

[STEM Graduate Recruitment Fair](#)

October 11th – STEM graduate recruitment fair, The Barbican, 10.30 am – 5.00 pm

[Skills London 2019](#)

15th – 16th November – Excel

[National careers week 2020](#)

2-7th March 2020