Guide to the Southwark Apprenticeship Standard

The Southwark Apprenticeship Standard is a new standard for quality apprenticeships in Southwark.

We’re committed to working with employers to make apprenticeships the best they can be. Whether you’re a sole trader taking on your first employee or a multinational rethinking talent recruitment, high quality apprenticeships are great opportunities to grow your workforce and meet the needs of your business.

The Standard

The Southwark Apprenticeship Standard is based on ten years of experience delivering a highly successful scheme in partnership with some of our major contractors. The Standard addresses four key areas that are central to the success of any apprenticeship:

- Secure employment, with a minimum contract of 12 months.
- Payment of the London Living Wage
- Quality training provision
- Mentoring and support

Employers can join us either as full partners or as supporters.

- **Partners** meet or exceed all the criteria listed above.
- **Supporters** meet three of the four and endorse the Southwark Apprenticeship Standard as the gold standard for apprenticeships.

Training Providers

Finding the right provider is an important step for any employer taking on an apprentice. To help businesses find the right provider for them we have established some guidelines for what makes a good provider. In addition to being graded by Ofsted as ‘good’ or ‘outstanding’, a Southwark Apprenticeship Standard provider will offer a range of learning styles, offer regular tutor contract and fit the delivery of training to the needs of the employer.

For full details of the Southwark Apprenticeship Standard for providers, or to find out more about apprenticeships in Southwark, please visit www.southwark.gov.uk/apprenticeships.

To speak to someone about getting support for your business, or about choosing a provider, please contact the Local Economy Team at localeconomy@southwark.gov.uk.