

## **Skills for Jobs**

Skills for Jobs is a project delivered by the National Skills Academy for Financial Services and funded by the European Social Fund, which aims to address skills gaps in the Coast to Capital LEP region by providing higher level skills training and jobs for the recently unemployed (those out of work for 6 months or less) who are aged 24 and above. The project is responsive to business needs and aims to stimulate economic growth and create more and better jobs. The project runs from November 2016 to July 2018.

The project engages with a wide range of SMEs (organisations with less than 250 employees) based in the Coast to Capital region to review skills gaps and potential solutions through engaging new talent.

The project delivers non-accredited and accredited training at level 3 and above to upskill unemployed participants in order to help them achieve their goals and move into employment. Advice and guidance, personal development planning, and mentoring are provided to unemployed participants on an individual basis. Participants are supported to progress as appropriate into further training, apprenticeships or employment.

The project focuses on supporting the skills needs of SMEs in eight key industry sectors in the region: advanced manufacturing and engineering; creative, digital and IT; environmental technologies; financial and business services; health and life sciences; care; construction; the visitor economy.

The project focuses on the following unemployed target groups: older adults over 50; women where they are underrepresented by a sector or returning after a career break; BAME groups where there are underrepresented by a sector; lone parents; individuals with disabilities/ health issues; individuals with no basic skills.

The Coast to Capital LEP region includes Croydon, Gatwick Airport, Brighton & Hove, Worthing and Chichester. A detailed map of the area can be found here: <http://www.coast2capital.org.uk/our-area/>

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