

## **workREDBRIDGE**

### **Supporting Redbridge Businesses**

The '**workREDBRIDGE**' partnership provides a range of services to support local businesses with recruitment, skills and business support needs. *workREDBRIDGE* offers local Redbridge businesses qualified, job-ready candidates in return for their vacancies. The Partnership brings together a range of local statutory and voluntary sector partners committed to helping more borough residents into work and helping businesses develop and grow. *workREDBRIDGE* would like to listen to employers to better understand and meet their employee skills needs in these difficult economic times.

#### **Employment**

- **Jobcentre Plus** supports people into work and helps employers fill their vacancies. Register a vacancy by phone on 0845 601 2001 (or by text phone on 0845 601 2002). E-mail your vacancies to [employerdirect-vacancies@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:employerdirect-vacancies@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk) or create, view and update your jobs yourself through [Employer Direct online](#).

Local businesses can get tailored recruitment support, no risk work trials, training for new staff and also receive a **Recruitment Subsidy of £1,000** if they employ someone over 25 years old, who has been receiving Jobseekers Allowance for 6 months.

Rita Joshi on 020 8271 4879 [rita.joshi1@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:rita.joshi1@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk) can help you with your local recruitment needs. Kenny Otemade-Paul on 07901 009 273 [kehinde.otemade-paul@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:kehinde.otemade-paul@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk) can help with redundancy support.

- **Jobnet** offers a free recruitment service to businesses in the borough. It provides employability skills to local people to help them gain the skills needed by local businesses. For help in filling your vacancies through Jobnet, please use the contact details below.

Tel: 020 8514 8566 Email: [info@barnabasworkshops.co.uk](mailto:info@barnabasworkshops.co.uk)

- **Apprenticeships** can make your business more effective, productive and competitive by addressing your skills gaps directly. With over 180 different apprenticeships available across 80 different industry sectors, there's bound to be a place for an apprentice in your organisation.

Tel: 08000 150 600 Web: [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

### **Free Advice and Guidance**

- The **London Employer Accord** helps employers navigate the often complex channels of access to public sector funding to assist them with their recruitment processes and ongoing development of their workforce. The Accord aims to provide a single point of contact and guidance for employers to help them access candidates who meet their required needs.

Tel: 020 7593 8193

Email: [bridget.hynard@londonemployeraccord.com](mailto:bridget.hynard@londonemployeraccord.com)

Web: [www.londonemployeraccord.com](http://www.londonemployeraccord.com)

- **East London Business Place** - Provides support to businesses to become "fit to supply" and offers information and links to potential contracts. The service is available for small to medium-sized enterprises. Redbridge has a dedicated supplier development officer who is on hand to support your business needs and help your business become more attractive to buyers.

Tel: 07595 272 003 Email: [emanni.renell@elbp.co.uk](mailto:emanni.renell@elbp.co.uk) Web: [www.elbp.co.uk](http://www.elbp.co.uk)

- **Supporting Your Business** offers free help and support to business owners with growth aspirations. The service is available to Small and Medium Enterprises that have been operating for over 12 months. The service can help businesses resolve the challenges of today's highly competitive and demanding marketplace including issues of raising business finance, helping to develop business plans and helping businesses effectively pitch and present their case to potential funders.

Tel: 020 7001 2788 Email: [terry.jolly@tower.ac.uk](mailto:terry.jolly@tower.ac.uk)

Web: [www.tower.ac.uk/employerservices](http://www.tower.ac.uk/employerservices)

- **East London Small Business Centre (ELSBC)** actively helps new businesses start up, and support existing small businesses in East London to survive and grow.

Tel: 020 7377 8821 Email: [elsbc@goeast.org](mailto:elsbc@goeast.org) Web: [www.goeast.org](http://www.goeast.org)

- **Business Link in London (BLIL)** is a free and impartial business advisory service available to anyone starting up or running a small or medium-sized business. They provide high quality information, practical advice and expert assistance to help businesses succeed.

Tel: 0845 600 0787 Email: [info@bllondon.co.uk](mailto:info@bllondon.co.uk) Web: [www.bllondon.co.uk](http://www.bllondon.co.uk)

- **CompeteFor** acts as a brokerage service between buyers throughout the London 2012 supply chain, and to potential suppliers. CompeteFor also provides access to business support services; building skills and capacity to ensure that businesses across the UK can access opportunities linked to the hosting of the 2012 Games.

Tel: 0845 2177804

Web: <https://www.competefor.com/london2012business/login.jsp>

## **Skills**

- **University of East London/Knowledge Dock** offers
  - *Innovation for Growth*: provides businesses with 12 hours of academic expertise on any aspect of business for **free** e.g. help with a Marketing Strategy, or Business Planning.
  - *Student Enterprise Project*: 6-week student placement with your business, with academic supervision, to implement a project. Examples include building a new website, 'positive psychology' training for staff or management.

Tel: 020 8223 7929 Email: [n.barot@uel.ac.uk](mailto:n.barot@uel.ac.uk) Web: [www.knowledgedock.com](http://www.knowledgedock.com)

- **Redbridge Institute of Adult Education (RIAE)** has free training on offer to staff of small and medium-sized businesses and the self-employed through Train to Gain. RIAE is working in partnership with Barnabas Workshops, Sacoma, Ellingham Employment Services and Bromley by Bow Centre to deliver a range of training programmes that fill skills gaps and provide a recognised qualification.

Tel: 020 8550 2398 Email: [marilyn.sandy@redbridge-iae.ac.uk](mailto:marilyn.sandy@redbridge-iae.ac.uk)

- **Train to Gain**: The *Skills Brokerage Service* provides free, impartial skills and training advice to employers from all sectors. Skills Brokers assist employers to identify their training needs and identify suitable providers to deliver training solutions.

Tel: 020 3159 5350 Email: [info@ttgbroker.com](mailto:info@ttgbroker.com) Web: [www.ttgbroker.com](http://www.ttgbroker.com)

## **Business**

**Local Business Partnerships** are present in the borough's key district and secondary centres of Barkingside, Gants Hill, South Woodford, Wanstead, Manford Way (Hainault), Seven Kings and Woodford Green. Supported by the Council's Regeneration Town

Centre Management, the main aim of the partnerships is to work together to create areas of excellence with a quality environment for business, shopping and leisure.

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[beverley.stratton@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:beverley.stratton@redbridge.gov.uk)

**Business Improvement Districts** operate in Ilford Town Centre and Hainault Business Park. Working with the Council's Regeneration Team the aim of each BID is to deliver a programme of enhancements and improvements during each term creating sustained growth and employment.

Ilford Town Centre BID - Tel: 020 8478 3534 Email: [neil.davis@ilfordtown.co.uk](mailto:neil.davis@ilfordtown.co.uk)  
Hainault Business Park BID - Tel: 020 8501 2266 Email: [cwyles@pcds.co.uk](mailto:cwyles@pcds.co.uk)  
Web: [www.ilfordtown.co.uk](http://www.ilfordtown.co.uk)

**Buy With Confidence Scheme:** The Buy With Confidence team located within the Council's Trading Standards & Licensing team; work with businesses developing closer relationships with those charged with regulating their day to day trading activity. Through the scheme consumers are able to benefit from knowing that fair trading principles and regulatory compliance are supported by the business that have been inspected and quality checked to gain accreditation.

Tel: 020 8708 5492 Email: [nicola.gregg@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.gregg@redbridge.gov.uk)

The Council's **Business Rates Section** offer advice and guidance on the current business rate valuation set for business properties together with information on transitional or small business rate relief.

Tel: 020 8708 4357 Email: [business.rates@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:business.rates@redbridge.gov.uk)

**Redbridge Business Network Website** is a new website that helps Redbridge companies network online to find out about upcoming business opportunities. The new website has been set up in partnership with representatives from the local business community to help businesses in Redbridge identify new opportunities, register with the site and post their company profile online outlining their products, services and capabilities. Membership is free.

<http://www.redbridgebusinessnetwork.co.uk>

