

## **GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY AND CAPITAL CITY COLLEGE GROUP: UPDATES ON THE UTILISATION OF THE AEB 10% FLEXIBILITY TO MEET EMPLOYER SKILLS NEEDS**

In the London Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) Report, [the Greater London Authority \(GLA\)](#) and [Capital City College Group \(CCCG\)](#) were featured as a case study showcasing their use of the 10% funding flexibility with the Adult Education Budget (AEB). This flexibility was introduced to allow providers to respond flexibly to the London recovery skills needs in each local area for qualifications that are not found on the [Find a Learning Aim](#) or [DfE List of Qualifications](#).

Since they were last featured, the model for AEB funding is changing. In August 2024 the AEB will become the Adult Skills Fund (ASF), as a result of this change the flexibility will no longer be a standalone offering, but will form part of a provider's Tailored Learning Allocation based on previous delivery. Providers such as CCCG who have used this flexibility in the past will continue to be able to offer this flexible provision, but do so using their Tailored Learning Allocation.

CCCG have recently been utilising this funding for their 01Founders programme, an innovative peer to peer learning programme supporting Londoners to go from being a complete novice to a full stack developer in 2 years. Throughout the programme, 3,264 played the online entrance game indicating an interest in the digital skills sector, 570 attended the 3 week intensive introduction to coding course, and 265 joined the full-time programme. CCCG intend to continue using the ASF to deliver this programme and continue to address employer skills needs through this funding.

The aim of this is to continue to support skills providers to use a proportion of their funding to respond to local employers skills needs and deliver targeted training in response, outside of pre-approved qualifications. This enables the creation of provision, such as the 01Founders programme offered through CCCG, which supports Londoners into jobs and fills local skills gaps in a responsive and timely manner.