

SOUTH LONDON PARTNERSHIP: SOUTH LONDON RETROFIT TASKFORCE AND ACTION PLAN

As part of the London Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP), South London Partnership identified a need to build awareness and knowledge of green skills roles and pathways – and sought to do this through improving access to modular courses such as retrofit, project management, envelope trades and installation of green technology.

South London Partnership were awarded funding from the Department of Energy and Security & Net Zero (DESNZ) via the Greater South-East Net Zero Hub to create and deliver at pace and scale a retrofit skills action plan to grow supply chain skill capacity towards meeting the Net Zero target needs of 635,000 domestic dwellings in South London. This is in addition to Greater London Authority funding for the South London Green Skills Academy Hub.

Utilising this funding, South London Partnership established a collaborative South London Retrofit Taskforce comprising of 70 stakeholders from local authorities, businesses, education providers, housing associations and skills providers to shape and deliver to Retrofit Action Plan. Additionally, they created new courses (L1-5) to deliver retrofit construction skills training, and created a one-stop-shop site for trades and new entrants to construction which has had 4,300 unique visits to date.

South London Partnership have also developed a Retrofit Careers interactive digital tool to raise the profile of retrofit and construction opportunities and careers pathways, mapped over 13,000 supply chain businesses across South London, and launched a communications campaign to these businesses with 2.5 million impressions and 6,000 interactions.

Going forward, South London Partnership plans to continue to raise awareness and knowledge of green skills roles and pathways in South London, and find new ways to engage stakeholders in this process. The work they are undertaking at present continues to be successful and make significant impressions on key contacts in the sector, and achieves their aim of raising awareness and knowledge surrounding the sector.