

Skills for Londoners Capital Fund Round 3

Case studies

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1 Further Education Capital Fund

1.1 *New City College Rainham Construction Infrastructure Skills and Innovation Centre (CISIC)*

Total project cost £14.3m

Mayor of London grant funding £5.1m

The grant provided essential learning space at New City College's Rainham campus. This new provision focused on professional and trade skills in rail infrastructure and construction engineering. The remodelling and refurbishment provided new space and facilities needed to implement employer-led curriculum facilities and has helped the college group in rationalising its curriculum provision from disparate campuses.

The grant funding covered costs for design fees and construction costs, including consultancy fees and construction work/materials; a smaller proportion of the funding covered the purchase and installation of industry-standard equipment, including VR simulators, to enhance the learning experience.

The project was completed in 2022 and aims to support more than 8,000 learners over five years post-practical completion, with 660 apprenticeship starts and delivery of multiple other skills/employment-related outputs, as well as cost savings for the college.



Image: New City College Rainham Construction Infrastructure Skills and Innovation Centre (CISIC) building

1.2 Ada, the National College for Digital Skills

Total project cost £6.7m

Mayor of London grant funding £3.34m

The Ada National College for Digital Skills project has enabled the creation of a new college campus in Victoria. The building, which has undergone significant refurbishment, is the former Sir Simon Milton University Technical College that closed in August 2023. The refurbishment of the building has cost £7 million and has been jointly funded by the Mayor of London (£3.34 million of Further Education Capital Funding) and the Department for Education (£3.34 million of capital). The works completed in August 2023 and classes are due to start in September.

Ada have co-designed their curriculum in partnership with leading tech companies. Their 137 sixth form students take one of three pathways, each of which reflects an in-demand skillset within the tech industry. At the core of their curriculum is the BTEC Level 3 National in Computing. Alongside this, students study pathway-specific qualifications, with a choice of A Levels that includes further Computer Science units. All pathways are equivalent to three A Levels, allowing students to progress to either a University Degree, a Degree Apprenticeship or their dream job in tech.



Image: The Ada, National College for Digital Skills building

1.3 London South Bank Technical College - Nine Elms (STEAM) Centre

Total project cost £44.8m

Mayor of London grant funding £21m

This grant has enabled the dilapidated Lambeth FE College to be replaced with the newly built London South Bank Technical College – a facility dedicated to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. The college has a high focus on construction, dentistry, digital and other practical skills, and a particular drive to encourage female uptake in these subjects.

The grant has enabled the design, build and equipping of this sophisticated facility. The new building has a pivotal role to play in the regeneration of the local area and the employer-led curriculum ensures that skills taught remain relevant and workplace opportunities can be secured.

The building represents a 44% improvement in space-efficiency and will, over the next five years, have taught 2592 additional learners, of which at least 220 will be NEET and 80 SEND students.

The London South Bank Technical College has been shortlisted in the "Project of the Year - Colleges" category of the prestigious Education Estates 2023 Awards, celebrating excellence and achievement in education.



Image: London South Bank Technical College

2 Skills for Londoners Capital Fund Round 1

2.1 *Capel Manor College – Mottingham Campus Redevelopment*

Total project cost £8.8m

Mayor of London grant funding £6.0m

The funding is helping Capel Manor College to redevelop their newly acquired campus at Mottingham. The project includes the construction of two new buildings that will house a reception area, public spaces, staff facilities and seminar spaces. In addition, there will be a new teaching block, as well as the partial renovation of a glasshouse and substantial landscaping.

The campus redevelopment aims to increase the range of land-based education and training courses available at the Mottingham campus through more flexible and higher quality accommodation, as well as offering new qualifications and apprenticeship programmes.

The Mottingham campus redevelopment is expected to be completed in September 2024.



Image: Capel Manor College – Mottingham Campus Redevelopment – Architects Impression

3 Skills for Londoners Capital Fund Round 2

3.1 *Mary Ward Centre, East*

Total project cost £17.1m

Mayor of London grant funding £9.9m

This project has enabled the Mary Ward Centre to relocate from Central London to vastly improved facilities in Stratford, bringing flexible adult learning to East London, enriching the local community and helping meet skills needs.

The grant has enabled part-refurbishment/part-rebuild of a site that now features eighteen classrooms equipped to deliver a full range of subjects including facilities for art, design and wellbeing. The building also houses an active space that functions as a fitness centre/performance area, a community café, an open learning area and the flagship Legal centre providing free legal advice to Londoners.

The centre's expansive curriculum has an emphasis on ESOL, digital and life skills, while engagement with local employers seeks to support adult learners as they progress into work and develop careers.

Whilst significantly increasing the centre's teaching space, this building ensures an increase in water efficiency, substantial reduction in CO2 emissions and greatly improved energy efficiency. Over the next five years, learning will be delivered to 15,135 additional students, with 3918 LLDD learners; 3884 NEET and 246 SEND.

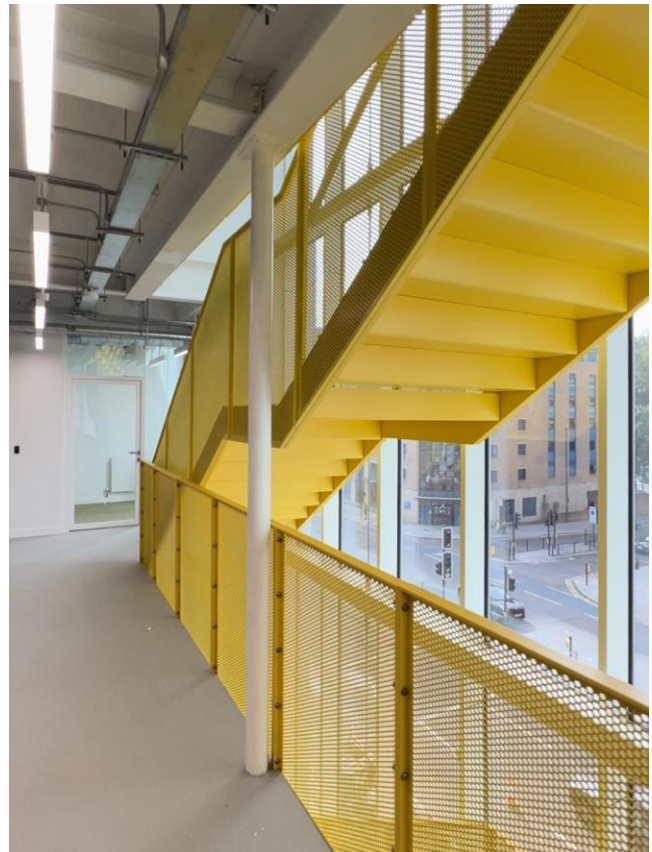


Image: Mary Ward Centre Main Staircase

4 Small Projects and Equipment Fund Round 1

4.1 Advancing Progression through Digital Inclusion – Morley College

Total project cost £414,000

Mayor of London grant funding £200,000

The project supports the realisation of Morley College’s digital inclusion agenda to enable students to thrive online, confident in accessing digital technologies and services, and to gain experience highly relevant to employment in the creative industries.

The project has included funding to support distributed learning in community settings through the installation of smart boards and PC suites at off-site delivery locations, as well as specialist state-of-the-art technology for music and sound recording, mixing and broadcasting, including enabling the launch of the community radio station, Morley Radio.

The project supports over 500 learners and Morley Radio has gone from strength to strength, giving learners and the local community access to industry-standard equipment and an opportunity to expand their networks and build their confidence.



Image: Morley Radio Studio

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