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Job Hub Newsletter

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the community.
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working!

Autumn leaves are falling and it's the start of the school year... get those brand new pencils out and start making some plans for where you want to go next in life!

Here at the Job Hub, we continue to see lots of job vacancies from employers in Camden and across London. We expect the high demand to continue with lots of jobs being advertised in the run up to Christmas – especially in retail, care work and hospitality.

It's also a great time of year to consider boosting your skills or returning to education. If you want to improve your spoken or written English, or gain a qualification in Maths or English, short courses continue to run locally. If you are considering higher education, applications are open right now for university degree programmes and access to Higher Education courses starting in January or September next year. We can support you with finding and applying for these.

Although we are called the Job Hub, we support everyone – not just people who want to find a job immediately, but also those who want to start thinking through their options.

We would love to work with you, wherever you are on your journey.

What is the Job Hub?

We are a small and friendly team of qualified employment and training advisers who can support you in a range of different ways. We keep up with the jobs market in Camden and what is going on with local employers.

You can talk to us about what you would ideally like to do with your life, and we can support you in looking for the right chances to gain experience and qualifications. Many Job Hub clients start by **volunteering** to build up their experience and skills; **building confidence** by taking part in a group or workshop; or undertaking **training** or **education** that will give them a **qualification** and chance to learn and grow.

We can also help you to **create or update your CV**, **find and apply for jobs**, and **practise for interviews**.

Feeling stuck with your job applications, or attending lots of interviews but not getting an offer? We can talk with you about why, and offer feedback and suggestions for how to get 'unstuck'.

The Job Hub team are happy to meet with you by phone, Zoom, or in person. We are keen to support you in achieving your aims! Please call **07949 144 230** or email jobhub@somerstown.org.uk to make an appointment.

Good news stories...

We always love to see clients succeeding in achieving their aims, whether that's starting a new job or moving into education or training. This month we'd especially like to mention:

- A big well done to Vivian, who has changed career direction and recently started an apprenticeship in project management!
- Congratulations to Antonia on the new job in Camden! Antonia has a passion for working in care and was already working for a care agency, but wanted to find a job in a better location with less travel time. We worked together on applications and Antonia was soon successful in finding a more local job that worked better for her.
- Well done to Sarah for starting her new role supporting clients to overcome substance misuse problems!
- Congratulations to our client who is now working at Juventus coaching under-11s!

Want to get your CSA license and work in security?

If you want to work in security, getting your CSA license is a great place to start. Contact us if you would like to join our waiting list for a subsidised training course – please call or email ziaur@somerstown.org.uk

Free food hygiene qualification – Level 1

Would you like to add to your skills with a Level 1 qualification that can be done remotely in your own time? Getting a Level 1 food hygiene qualification can help with applying for jobs in the catering and hospitality industry, as well as anything else food-related (for example working in a nursery or school where food is served).

If you are interested, please contact us. We are still offering free places on an ongoing basis. For more information please email ziaur@somerstown.org.uk

Get creative with pottery and DIY at the Make Space

In this haven of creativity, located in the Story Garden, you can learn new skills in a supportive environment and meet new people.

- Interested in DIY? A weekly class runs until the end of October. You can start any time – it runs from 10am to 2pm on Wednesdays
- Clay Social is the place to be if you like pottery. This group runs each week on Fridays between 2 – 5pm. Please feel free to drop in and register

Caretaker vacancy at the Living Centre

BREAKING NEWS! We have a vacancy for a part-time caretaker to join our friendly team. This role pays above the London Living Wage and will involve working in the early evenings and at weekends, supporting our room bookings for the organisations and community groups that use our space. For a full job description or to apply, please email Ziaur at ziaur@somerstown.org.uk – If you need support applying, or would like to find out more about the role, please give us a call on **07949 144 230**.

Need help with Universal Credit?

citizens advice Camden

If you are already receiving Universal Credit, then we can support you with maintaining your Universal Credit claim.

This project can help you with many aspects of managing your existing Universal Credit claim, including:

- Challenging benefit decisions relating to your Universal Credit claim (including appeals)
- Understanding how changes will affect your Universal Credit claim
- Support accessing financial assistance and charitable grants if you are experiencing financial difficulty while receiving Universal Credit
- Help dealing with reductions in your award and overpayments of benefit
- Advice and information on how to manage your claim (including reporting changes in circumstances, contacting your Work Coach)

Every Monday at the Living Centre. To book your appointment call **020 7380 0453**.

Career coaching

Feeling a bit stuck? Unsure about what your perfect job is, or how to get there?

The Job Hub offers career coaching sessions in which you can discuss and explore career concerns in a safe, non-judgemental environment. Career coaching can give you the space to:

- Explore what motivates you
- Identify your strengths, skills and values
- Explore issues that could be blocking you from achieving your full potential
- Work together with a qualified careers adviser to improve your job search strategies and think about how you can boost your employability

Please contact jobhub@somerstown.org.uk to make an appointment with Gabrielle, our careers adviser.

Please call 07949 144 230 or email jobhub@somerstown.org.uk to make an appointment to speak with us. We are working remotely but can also organise a COVID-secure appointment if there is a reason you need to see somebody in person.

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