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FAST TRACK DIGITAL SKILLS DIRECTORY

Fully Funded Digital Skills Provision - Programme Information

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1.	GMCA Round 3 Fast Track Fund	BuzzStart Academy	Talent
2.	GMCA Round 3 Fast Track Fund	Generation	Digital Employment Programmes – Data Engineering / Digital Customer Success
3.	GMCA Round 3 Fast Track Fund	IN4.0 ACCESS Ltd	The IN4.0 Talent Academy
4.	GMCA Round 3 Fast Track Fund	QA	AWS Cloud Engineer
5.	GMCA Round 3 Fast Track Fund	Raytheon Professional Services	Raytheon Cyber Academy
6.	GMCA Round 3 Fast Track Fund	Reform Radio CIC	AudioFORM
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8.	GMCA Round 3 Fast Track Fund	We Are Digital	Digital Boost
9.	Employer Partners	Avado Learning	Fast Futures

Provider name	BuzzStart Academy	Programme name	Talent
Webpage Link	https://buzzstart.learnworlds.com/home-talent-application-landing-1		
Provider contact details	patrick@buzzstartdigital.com 0044 7383 349936 +353 83 088 2159		
Programme curriculum around support	<p>Talent is a free, 12-week work experience course programme designed to fast-track women (19+) into full-time employment with partner employers in Lancashire & Manchester.</p> <p>The non-accredited Talent course is focused on hands-on learning with content and topics that have been devised based on market leading courses from Google and Facebook, as well as co-designed by local employers, who will also contribute to course delivery.</p> <p>Participants will be trained remotely in Digital Marketing, Innovation and Leadership to fill open digital job roles. Think of it as 12 weeks teaching, work experience and training with 42 other women on a virtual simulated business with guaranteed job interviews at the end.</p> <p>The Talent course was conceived and designed from a combination of innovative research by Google and Facebook in partnership with 1,500+ employers worldwide who struggle to find candidates with the required digital and soft skills and digital specialisms needed.</p> <p>As a lead global trainer for Google's Squared Online course and Facebook's European Digital Skills training programme, BuzzStart collated years of research, expertise, and delivery knowledge and transformed this into the BuzzStart Talent 12-week course.</p>		
Additional support	Facilitators on hand. Slack channel with 24/7 support. Email support.		
Cost to participant	Free – Fully funded		
Geographical area	Manchester - Lancashire		
Participant age criteria	19+		
Eligibility criteria	Women 19+		
Entry level requirements	2 years digital skills knowledge		
Application and assessment			
Delivery method	Online		
Kit and learning platform	Adobe Connect and Learn Worlds (virtual campus)		
Duration and timetable	12 Weeks (November 2020 – March 2021) Flexible hours and training		
Delivery dates	Launch – 27.11.20		
How to apply	https://buzzstart.learnworlds.com/home-talent-application-landing-1		
Employer/employment activity (guaranteed interview, work placement, recruitment support)	Guaranteed interviews. Weekly employability / careers support. Social Innovation. Work placement (simulated office environment every afternoon)		

FLYER LINK: <https://www.businessbolton.org/downloads/file/29/buzzstart>

Provider name	Generation	Programme name	Digital Employment Programmes – Data Engineering / Digital Customer Success
Webpage Link	https://uk.generation.org/		
Provider contact details	Tim Dowling E: tim.dowling@generation.org T: 07923236027		
Programme curriculum around support	<p>Data Engineering: Python and technical coding skills, soft skills, employability skills + mock interview training and feedback CV / portfolio creation. AVG post programme starting salary: £25k+</p> <p>Digital Customer Success: Lighter technical skills, problem solving and customer service. Students will enhance their employability through CV / portfolio creation and interview skills. AVG post programme salary: £17.5k+</p>		
Additional support	Prince's Trust provide mentorship to students 'WeWork' – safe working space provision where necessary. Laptop and internet connection provision if required.		
Cost to participant	Free – Fully funded		
Geographical area	Greater Manchester and Lancashire		
Participant age criteria	19-29		
Eligibility criteria	Unemployed OR working less than 16 hours OR employed on a zero hours contract		
Entry level requirements	<p>No specific education attainment. Must have an interest in tech and motivation to enter employment in the sector.</p> <p>Data Engineering programme requires technical aptitude, suitable for all educational backgrounds. This includes those with low educational attainment through to graduates (inc STEM).</p> <p>Digital Customer Success has no entry demands in terms of technical aptitude</p>		
Application and assessment	Online application which includes assessments, followed by attendance at 'Info' session and then interview.		
Delivery method	Remote. 1-2-hour lessons throughout the day, broken up with individual or small group work and LABS.		
Kit and learning platform	<p>Laptop required (can be provided). Lessons conducted via zoom video conferencing.</p> <p>All course material shared via Google docs. Slack learner communication platform to support classroom community</p>		
Duration and timetable	<p>Data Engineering: 12 weeks, 9-5 Mon-Fri commitment. Central DWP agreement that students continue to receive benefits whilst on programme.</p> <p>Digital Customer Success: 5 weeks, 9-5 Mon-Fri commitment. Central DWP agreement that students continue to receive benefits whilst on programme.</p>		
Delivery dates	<p>Data Engineering: 11/1/2021 – 31/3/2021</p> <p>Digital Customer Success: 15/3/2020 – 19/03/2021</p>		
How to apply	<p>Data Engineering: Applications open now at https://uk.generation.org/manchester/data-engineering/</p> <p>Digital Customer Success: Coming soon at https://uk.generation.org/</p>		
Employer/employment activity (guaranteed interview, work placement, recruitment support)	Curriculums devised with employers. Employer connection events during programme where students speak with hiring employers to gain insight. Interviews arranged with hiring employers on course completion.		

FLYER LINK: <https://www.businessbolton.org/downloads/file/32/manchester-icp>

Provider name	IN4.0 ACCESS Ltd	Programme name	The IN4.0 Talent Academy
Webpage Link	https://in40.co.uk/for-graduates/		
Provider contact details	Danielle Brown – danielle@in40.co.uk 07545457592		
Programme curriculum around support	The course up-skills participants in Cloud Computing and Data Analytics. During the course 1 to 1 mentoring sessions are provided to ensure participants are fully supported and are progressing well.		
Additional support	Open office sessions with instructors and programme administrators once per week. Fortnightly social events to ensure the cohort are engaging with each other.		
Cost to participant	Free – Fully funded		
Geographical area	Greater Manchester and Lancashire		
Participant age criteria	19 – 30		
Eligibility criteria	Participants will need to have either studied a STEM related degree at university or had experience working in the Engineering / Manufacturing / Technology sectors to apply for this course.		
Entry level requirements	STEM Degree or previous experience		
Application and assessment	Applications are taken via a form which are assessed by our team. An informal interview will be arranged to further discuss the course. If the applicant is a good fit for the programme they will be offered a place.		
Delivery method	Fully online		
Kit and learning platform	The learning platform is Microsoft Teams. The only kit a participant will need is a laptop.		
Duration and timetable	12 weeks. Full time Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. 2 x lectures per day and self-learning activities.		
Delivery dates	4 th January 2021 to 26 th March 2021		
How to apply	https://in40.co.uk/for-graduates/ - using the application form on this page		
Employer/employment activity (guaranteed interview, work placement, recruitment support)	Guaranteed interview with employers, 2-week industry placement with employers and interview / recruitment support from the IN4.0 talent team.		

Provider name	QA	Programme name	AWS Cloud Engineer
Webpage Link	Attached Flyer		
Provider contact details	Key contact - Karen Wane Karen.wane@qa.com Recruitment - Hannah McDougall Hannah.mcdougall@qa.com		
Programme curriculum around support	<p>Given the current remote nature of training, a supporting operations team will be on hand to ensure there are no barriers for progress arising from technical issues. Throughout the programme of MS Teams delivered lectures, hands on labs and self-directed project work the delegates will have access to recorded video content, Cloud Academy content and their dedicated trainers to ensure they can grasp each and every concept as it arrives.</p> <p>The iterative nature of our programme along with supporting resources in Cloud Academy (our online learning platform) and access to additional courseware and documentation allows our delegates to cover content in a number of ways to suit their needs This is in addition to the dedicated trainer delivery and support available. The Cloud Academy Programme will provide access to all of QA's online learning content, not just what is relevant to the Programme, this assists in further technical development for the individual, they have access to courses in multi cloud topics, exams, quizzes, gamification. The cohort in round 1 raised their skills profiles by 523% over the 12- week period on Programme.</p>		
Additional support	Pastoral and safeguarding teams can ensure delegates are able to focus and fully engage with the programme. All details of the support team will be shared on the launch event.		
Cost to participant	Free – Fully funded		
Geographical area	GMCA and Lancashire		
Participant age criteria	19+		
Eligibility criteria	As per the GMCA and Lancashire requirements		
Entry level requirements	There will be a basic technical assessment		
Application and assessment	Online application and an online assessment		
Delivery method	Virtual		
Kit and learning platform	<p>TEAMS - In order to ensure you get the most from your training, we like to be sure you have the correct equipment. Please confirm you will be working from a workstation meeting the following minimum specification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows 10 • 8 GB? Ram • Ryzen 5 Processor (or equivalent) • 1366x768 resolution • A microphone (either inbuilt or as part of a headset) <p>As your training will be starting off virtual, it's vital that you have a stable internet connection so your training proceeds undisturbed.</p> <p>Given the current remote nature of training, a supporting operations team will be on hand to ensure there are no barriers for progress arising from technical issues and our pastoral and safeguarding teams can ensure delegates are able to focus and fully engage with the programme</p>		

FLYER LINK: <https://www.businessbolton.org/downloads/file/34/qa-fasttrack>

Provider name	Raytheon Professional Services	Programme name	Raytheon Cyber Academy
Webpage Link	https://www.raytheon.com/en-gb/ourcompany/rps/cyber-academy		
Provider contact details	Cyber-Academy@raytheon.com Tel: 01302 837 089		
Programme curriculum around support	CompTIA A+ certification, CompTIA Network+ certification, Raytheon Cyber Security content (cybersecurity fundamentals, cyber threats, basic Python, Windows security usage, Linux, information assurance & network security, mobile & wireless security, cloud security)		
Additional support	16 laptops available for loan, mentor & pastoral support, support to achieve L2 functional skills in maths & English		
Cost to participant	Free – Fully funded		
Geographical area	Greater Manchester & Lancashire		
Participant age criteria	19+		
Eligibility criteria	Resident in Greater Manchester & Lancashire		
Entry level requirements	Dedication & passion for IT		
Application and assessment	IT-IQ Evaluation via CompTIA, interview & course induction		
Delivery method	Online/remote instructor led, self-paced online, face-2-face in person		
Kit and learning platform	Not suitable for 'smart phone' – laptop & internet access needed		
Duration and timetable	100+ hours Virtual Classroom Learning, 60 hours self-study and 5 days classroom training. 2x evening sessions and Saturday mornings per week.		
Delivery dates	Jan – Mar 2021		
How to apply	Complete enquiry form found at above link		
Employer/employment activity (guaranteed interview, work placement, recruitment support)	Work experience, recruitment 'workshop' event (CV writing, interview techniques etc.), support to find apprenticeship or employment.		

FLYER LINK: <https://www.businessbolton.org/downloads/file/31/cyberacademy>

Provider name	Reform Radio CIC	Programme name	AudioFORM
Webpage Link	www.reformradio.co.uk		
Provider contact details	Rachel Roger		
Programme curriculum around support	<p>AudioFORM is a free 12-week training programme focusing on all aspects of audio production including; podcasting, sound design, production, studio engineering, editing and radio drama.</p> <p>The training is led by industry professionals and gives hands on experience for anyone wanting to access a career in audio.</p>		
Additional support			
Cost to participant	Free – Fully funded		
Geographical area	Greater Manchester		
Participant age criteria	19+		
Eligibility criteria	Greater Manchester resident, interested in getting a job in Audio		
Entry level requirements	None - very short application process		
Application and assessment	Application details to be launched this week on reformradio.co.uk		
Delivery method	Zoom		
Kit and learning platform	<p>Zoom platform</p> <p>A microphone gifted as part of the programme</p> <p>Some laptops are available to loan out for the programme</p>		
Duration and timetable	Dec 2020 - March 2021.		
Delivery dates	TBC		
How to apply	For information to apply please email projects@reformradio.co.uk		
Employer/employment activity (guaranteed interview, work placement, recruitment support)	Employers engaged to send brief for podcasts. All participants will work on these briefs and create a podcast for potential future commissions.		

LINK TO FLYER: <https://www.businessbolton.org/downloads/file/36/audioform-flyer>

Provider name	Tech Returners	Programme name	Your Return To Tech
Webpage Link	www.techreturners.com/programmes/your-return-to-tech		
Provider contact details	Beckie Taylor Rebecca.taylor@techreturners.com		
Programme curriculum around support	Re-skilling in front end framework React alongside backend API creation and AWS Cloud services. Delivered alongside platform engineering skills such as infrastructure as code, and monitoring led by Tech Returners CTO/Co-Founder and Lead Tech Coach James Heggs .		
Additional support	CV Writing, Interview Preparation, Growth Mindset, Confidence, Personal Brand		
Cost to participant	Free – Fully funded		
Geographical area	Greater Manchester, Lancashire		
Participant age criteria	19+		
Eligibility criteria	Must be Greater Manchester, Lancashire resident, eligible to work in the UK and looking for a role in technology.		
Entry level requirements	Previous role in technology or related technical qualification. Career break of no more than six years.		
Application and assessment	Application form, Assessment Centre, Behavioural Interview, Individual Tech Task, Pairing Tech Task		
Delivery method	Remote		
Kit and learning platform	Google Classroom, GitHub, Slack,		
Duration and timetable	8 Weeks		
Delivery dates	30th November to 8th February		
How to apply	Apply online		
Employer/employment activity (guaranteed interview, work placement, recruitment support)	Guaranteed Interview and roles if successful		

Provider name	We Are Digital	Programme name	Digital Boost
Webpage Link	https://www.we-are-digital.co.uk/digitalboost/		
Provider contact details	boost@we-are-digital.co.uk		
Programme curriculum around support	<p>The course curriculum will look at the following areas (subject to confirmation nearer course start date):</p> <p>Analytics and Content Strategy Data Driven Marketing and Social Media Website Fundamentals, Conversion Optimisation and Programmatic Marketing</p>		
Additional support	Kit required for study may be loaned to learner for the duration of course if required.		
Cost to participant	Free – Fully funded		
Geographical area	Greater Manchester		
Participant age criteria	19 yrs. +		
Eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-work, unemployed for 12 months or less or looking for work e.g. returners, graduates, self-employed etc. (The rationale for this criterion is that the intense nature of the fast track provision may not be suitable for people who have multiple barriers to employment as they may need to access other programmes of skills development and wider support first). • A resident of Greater Manchester • Not already participated in a Digital Fast Track Funded Course. • We are also looking to target the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Females *BAME *Those with a disability/neurodiversity 		
Entry level requirements	n/a		
Application and assessment	Candidates will be required to complete an application form and undertake an interview to assess suitability for the course.		
Delivery method	Online delivery		
Kit and learning platform	<p>Content will be delivered via Google Meet</p> <p>Learners will require a laptop or desktop ideally. The course cannot be studied using a mobile device.</p>		
Duration and timetable	<p>The course commences with a 1-week intensive session, which will be M-F, for 4.5hrs a day.</p> <p>Learners will then be assigned to a cohort depending on availability:</p> <p>Morning (09:30-12:30) Afternoon (13:00 – 16:00) Evening (17:30 – 20:30)</p> <p>It is anticipated that sessions will last approx. 3hrs and study will take place across 4 days (weekdays to be confirmed)</p>		
Delivery dates	Intensive week 7 – 11 December, then 11 weeks from w/c 04/01/21. Final week of delivery is scheduled for w/c 22/03/21		
How to apply	Complete the application form at www.we-are-digital.co.uk/digitalboost/ and we will be in touch!		
Employer/employment activity (guaranteed interview, work placement, recruitment support)	Learners will be provided with the opportunity to undertake work shadowing as part of the programme with learners who successfully complete the course being guaranteed an interview with our partner employers.		

Provider name	Avado Learning	Programme name	Fast Futures
Webpage Link	https://www.avadolearning.com/fastfutures/		
Provider contact details	Simon.hamiltion@avadolearning.com (Marketing)		
Programme curriculum around support	Sign posting for those who do not get one – signpost back to Bolton		
Additional support	Employer partner mentor		
Cost to participant	Free – Fully funded		
Geographical area	Nationwide		
Participant age criteria	18-22 years		
Eligibility criteria	None		
Entry level requirements	GCSE maths and English to grade C, some computer user skills		
Application and assessment	Online assessment for cognitive skills (resilience, emotional intelligence, self-discipline) + virtual interview		
Delivery method	Independent learning on an online learning platform, virtual visits, and interactive sessions		
Kit and learning platform	Tablet, smartphone, or laptop Zoom for virtual visits and provider learning platform		
Duration and timetable	12 weeks at 12-15 hours per week Flexible learning, booked timing for Zoom sessions		
Delivery dates	Application to 1 st December Programme starts on 18 th January More cohorts planned in May & September		
How to apply	https://fastfutures.avadolearning.com/		
Employer/employment activity (guaranteed interview, work placement, recruitment support)	Mentoring support, mock interview, FastFutures Jobs Board		

FLYER LINK: <https://www.businessbolton.org/downloads/file/28/fast-futures-overview>