



## A step into work

Young adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities are being offered the chance to gain practical career experience on TfL's Steps into Work programme.

THE initiative, for people aged 16 or older, lasts for a year and is organised by TfL in partnership with Barnet and Southgate College and disability specialist employment agency Remploy.

It aims to give participants a taste of life in the workplace while working towards a BTEC Level 1 Work Skills qualification.

Candidates complete three work placements lasting from nine to 11 weeks each. They benefit from coaching and are then helped to find a job when they finish the course.

Mauricio Casas-Garzon (left), 24, has autism and Asperger syndrome

and recently started a full-time job as a London Underground customer service assistant after completing the programme.

He said: 'I learned how to work as part of a team, to communicate appropriately and how to deal with difficult situations. I also gained office skills.'

'As an employer, TfL is supportive and recognises that I sometimes need adjustments to do my job.'

■ **The deadline to apply for next year's programme is this Friday. To apply or find out more, email [stepsintowork@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:stepsintowork@tfl.gov.uk) or call 0203 054 2718**

### Success of the scheme

Last year, seven of the ten students who took part in the scheme found paid employment within a year of completing the programme. A total of 87 per cent of students have said that they now have increased confidence in their employability.



We can help them more quickly on the platform

## New homes boost at Blackhorse Road

TfL has selected a partner to develop a 1.8 acre site opposite Blackhorse Road station in northeast London.

BLLQ LLP, a consortium between Barratt London and London & Quadrant, has been selected to build approximately 350 new homes on the site in 2022 – 50 per cent of which will be affordable. Subject to permissions, work could start in 2019.

The site is surrounded by a number of mixed use developments, which together will create a new neighbourhood of around 1,700 homes, alongside retail, commercial and leisure spaces. The site is ideally placed for public transport due to its proximity to Blackhorse Road station, served by the Victoria line and London Overground.

## TfL consultations

## Have your say

TfL is consulting on the following proposals:

### Transparency Closes October 29

TfL would like your views on the information it publishes about how it runs its business and services.

### Cashless trams Closes October 29

Have your say on proposals for trams in London to go cashless. TfL plans to no longer accept cash payments for paper tram tickets bought from tram stop ticket machines.

### Cycle Superhighway 9 Closes October 31

Proposals for a new, largely segregated cycle superhighway in West London are out for public consultation. The route would run from Kensington Olympia to Brentford, providing a safer environment

for cyclists, and is part of wider plans to encourage more walking and cycling.

### Penalty charge notices Closes November 10

Comment on plans to increase the cost of a penalty charge from £130 to £160. The charge will be reduced to £80 if paid within 14 days. The increase would apply to offences on TfL's road network from early next year.

### Holborn station Closes November 17

Give your views on proposals to substantially improve Holborn station by making it bigger and bringing in step-free access from the street to trains.

■ **To find out more information on these and other proposals TfL is consulting on, visit [tfl.gov.uk/consultation](http://tfl.gov.uk/consultation)**

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