

# Celebrate National Apprentice Week



LU Engineering apprentices at the Engineering Training Centre in Acton

**TODAY marks the beginning of National Apprenticeship Week and to recognise the event Transport for London (TfL) is offering youngsters the opportunity to find out about apprenticeships.**

A recruitment fair is being held at City Hall tomorrow with TfL and its suppliers where young people can find out about apprenticeship roles within the transport industry. Experts will be there with help and advice.

In addition, London Transport Museum is offering free entry for all apprentices until Sunday where they can learn more about its

Route into Work scheme.

This four-day accredited training course helps prepare young people for employment and is a great chance to find out about the wide range of jobs in the transport sector.

The programme has been running for over three years and more than 40 per cent of participants have secured a permanent job. To get free museum entry, apprentices must present a valid Apprentice Oyster photocard or a letter from their college or employer.

All apprentices living in London, aged 18 or over and in their first year of an approved apprenticeship course, are also able to save 30 per cent against the price of adult rate Travelcards and Bus & Tram Passes with an Apprentice Oyster photocard. Applications are open at [tfl.gov.uk/apprenticeoyster](http://tfl.gov.uk/apprenticeoyster)

■ People wishing to attend the recruitment fair should reserve a place by emailing [apprenticeship@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:apprenticeship@tfl.gov.uk)



Meet Katharine Palmer, a 24 year old London Underground Advanced Civil Engineering apprentice. Katharine has been on the scheme for 17 months and has worked on civil engineering infrastructure such as bridges, embankments and the London Underground.

When she finishes, she would like to work in the Inspections team as she enjoys working on site. She would also like to gain a chartered qualification in civil engineering.

## New generation of Tube trains on the way

THE search is on for the supplier that will build the 'New Tube for London'.

London Underground is seeking expressions of interest to build the Underground's new energy-efficient, walk-through trains. Capable of full automation, the trains will run on the Bakerloo, Central, Piccadilly and Waterloo & City lines, enabling more frequent and reliable services. They will also boost capacity and make journeys better and more comfortable.

The 250 new trains will also include air-cooling for the first time on deep-level sections of the Tube – a challenge thought to be almost impossible to overcome until now.

Alongside modern signalling systems, the new trains will help meet the challenge of London's growing population – set to increase from 8.2million today to

around 10million by 2030 – by increasing capacity on:

- The Central line by 25 per cent
- The Bakerloo line by 25 per cent
- The Waterloo & City line by 50 per cent
- The Piccadilly line by 60 per cent

Mike Brown MVO, managing director of London Underground, said: 'The modernisation of the Victoria and Jubilee lines has delivered faster, more frequent and reliable journeys and this year we'll also complete the upgrade of the Northern line ahead of schedule.'

'New walk-through, air-cooled trains are already running on the Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines and will soon be on the District line too.'

A formal invitation to tender is expected to be issued early next year.

## ➤ Elephant and Castle lift works

PASSENGERS using the Elephant and Castle should use the Bakerloo line ticket hall entrance to avoid delays over the next six months while essential refurbishment work is carried out on lifts.

Work starts on the Northern line ticket hall lifts tomorrow and there will be a reduced service with only one lift operating until the refurbishment is completed in late September.

To avoid queues at the Northern line entrance, passengers are advised to enter and leave the station

from the Bakerloo line entrance on the other side of the roundabout. The walking route will be signposted. Customers will still be able to access the Northern line platforms from the Bakerloo entrance.

Regular National Rail services are also available from the opposite side of the shopping centre to and from King's Cross St. Pancras, Blackfriars, City Thameslink, Farringdon and Kentish Town National Rail stations.

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