



Apprentices join TfL to help keep city moving

A RECORD number of apprentices started work at TfL this week where they will work on vital transport projects such as Crossrail and the Northern line extension to Battersea.

This year's intake of 155 – the highest number the organisation has taken on in one year – brings the total number of apprenticeships created by TfL and its supply chain to 5,700 in just six years.

With London's population rising, the trainees will play an essential role

in ensuring the transport network can support the new homes, jobs and economic growth this demands.

TfL has also become one of the first employers in the UK to introduce 'degree apprenticeships'. These allow apprentices to work towards a full bachelors or masters degree while training on the job. The first degree apprentices are on the quantity surveying scheme.

Kimberly Hepburn (right), a quantity surveying apprentice at TfL, said: 'Over the last year I've worked on some fantastic projects including the maintenance of the Jubilee, Northern and Piccadilly line tracks. I'm also working on the Northern line upgrade project. There's never a dull moment at TfL and I want to continue making a difference in keeping London moving.'

The placements at TfL are part of the Government's pledge to create 30,000 apprenticeships across the road and rail industry.



All apprentices living in London aged 18 or over and in their first year of an approved course can save 30 per cent on the price of adult rate Travelcards and Bus & Tram passes with an Apprenticeship Oyster Photocard. Find out more at tfl.gov.uk

The Tour of Britain is coming

Sunday 13 September

The UK's biggest professional cycle race returns. Expect some road closures in central London. Know your travel options. Visit tfl.gov.uk/tourofbritain



➤ A flood of festivities on the river

THE Mayor's month-long Totally Thames Festival continues with more events celebrating the capital's most famous river this weekend.

St Katharine's Dock classic boat festival takes place this Saturday and Sunday where a host of beautiful old boats will be moored. Listen to shanty music and indulge in the food stalls by the water's edge. Nearest piers are St Katharine's and Tower.

On Saturday, head for the riverside to watch the colourful Great River Race. More than 300 boats will be competing on the Thames, from Millwall Slipway to Richmond, including gigs, Viking longships,

Chinese dragon boats and Hawaiian war canoes. There are various piers along the route.

Take a river bus or tour to enjoy the best of the Totally Thames activities – it will be one of the easiest ways to get around.

This month, you can travel for less with the Totally Thames 2-for-1 travel offer. Download your voucher from www.totallythames.org, present it at the pier ticket office.

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