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## WLB CEO Update

June 2023



Dear colleague,

This has been a unique Spring with so many Bank Holidays, including the King's Coronation on 6 May.

At WLB we published the [SDF Green Skills Project report](#) and worked with BusinessLDN to submit the final draft of the [West London Local Skills Improvement Plan \(LSIP\)](#) to the Secretary of State for Education. This will be published during the summer. Our film / creative sector programme continued with gatherings from Digital Creative Network West on 23 March at West Digital and Reel Park Royal on 18 May at MachineShop. And we continued to push for action on the **energy supply challenges** facing West London (see below).

One hundred organisations participated in three **London West Innovation Network (LWIN)** workshops in the first half of the year. We also launched a [Heathrow Portal](#) as part of the LWIN website to guide SME's engagement with the airport.

### ***Join WLB's Board or Finance Committee***

Two vacancies are open on the West London Business board for senior leaders from our property and film/ creative sector membership, as well as two vacancies for member company representatives on WLB's Finance Committee. These are unique opportunities to support the governance and shape the future direction of West London Business. [Read more and apply >>](#)

### ***A packed summer season...***

Get registered for the Capital West London Summit on 20 June (see below), LWIN workshop with [AWS on Thurs 15 June](#), [West London Summer Property Lunch on Fri 30 June](#) and [WLB Summer Reception on Tues 11 July](#).

As always we are delighted to welcome new members: Gazebo Fine Foods, MyHealthcare Clinic, The Real Wood Workshop, Umbrella Insurance Services and Vistage.

With best wishes,



Andrew Dakers  
Chief Executive

## The latest on growth & innovation from across West London



### Accelerate your journey to the cloud.

Join the AWS Connected Community, an online community for leaders of small and medium-sized businesses to connect, learn, and share - overcoming the common barriers of technology adoption. The community is free to join and provides access to trusted resources including events and on-demand training, as well as small business and cloud experts.

[Read more >>](#)



### The London West Innovation Network (LWIN), in collaboration with Heathrow, has launched a new gateway for innovative and high-growth SMEs to engage with Europe's busiest airport.

The new Heathrow Portal is available now and contains a wealth of information from doing business with the airport and gaining insights into future strategies to simply planning your journey.

[Read more >>](#)

## Business support

### As we approach the middle of 2023 it's a good time to take stock of your achievements as an organisation so far and plan for future growth.

To help you along the way, we've put together a brief guide that every business can take advantage of with some top tips to help grow your business...

- 1 - Get your organisation registered on CompeteFor
- 2 - Via CompeteFor, watch out for Heathrow's 'Lift Off' events
- 3 - Register for the AWS Connected Community
- 4 - Enhance your leadership skills through trusted WLB members
- 5 - For WLB Members-only: Register your interest in

## Member focus

### Become a Brunel Summer Internship programme employer

Brunel University London is accepting expressions of interest from organisations across West London to participate in their Summer Internship Scheme.

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media opportunities

[Read our guide >>](#)

## Policy Watch

**West London energy supply crunch.** National Grid ESO and Ofgem reveal their shifting policy positions in '[Zombie energy projects hold up grid](#)' (The Times, 16 May 2023) and '[Tardy energy projects face losing grid connection spot](#)' (Reuters, 2 June 2023). [In April questions were tabled in parliament](#) by Seema Malhotra MP (Feltham & Heston) to Andrew Bowie MP (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State - Minister for Nuclear and Networks). Bowie's response revealed that the UK Energy Commissioner Nick Winser will report in June on what can be done to accelerate the delivery of desperately needed network infrastructure. The West London Local Energy Action Plan is also due imminently. WLB will share our response to these vital studies as soon as they are published.

**West London Business has published its final report on the SDF Green Skills Project.** The report summarises insights generated through employer engagement and work with Further Education colleges to focus new government funding for education and training on green skills. The ultimate aim is to support employers access the talent that will be needed to grow sectors that are critical to decarbonising the economy.

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## Register for Capital West London's Growth Summit

**Chaired by BBC News home editor Mark Easton, the Capital West London Growth Summit takes place at Brent Civic Centre on Tuesday 20 June. The summit will discuss the opportunities across West London to deliver a decarbonised, vibrant and inclusive economy.** WLB has a limited number of tickets to offer our members at a discounted rate of £75 per person. E-mail [amelia.grant@westlondon.com](mailto:amelia.grant@westlondon.com) if you wish to take advantage of this first come, first served offer.

[Read more >>](#)

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### **MyHealthcare Clinic: Delivering exceptional private healthcare in West London**

WLB member MyHealthcare Clinic, a leading private healthcare provider, is dedicated to delivering bespoke accessible and comprehensive medical, dental, and specialist services to corporates.

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### **Libra Careers – Growing your business with outstanding graduates**

WLB member Libra Careers are offering London-based businesses the opportunity to work with and develop some of the world's most elite and versatile graduates actively seeking opportunities to grow within a more agile environment in London.

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### **Spark! charity seeking a new home**

After more than 20 years being hosted at GSK's Brentford HQ, WLB partner charity Spark! is now looking for a new place to call home.

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## West London Sports Watch

**Congratulations to WLB members Brentford FC and Ealing Trailfinders Rugby Club for successful seasons on the pitch.** Ealing were once again crowned RFU Championship Cup winners for a third time [after a 35-31 victory over Jersey Reds](#). The cup win gains a measure of revenge over the Islanders who bested Ealing for the league title by a single point on the final day of the season. Meanwhile, [Brentford have achieved their highest league finish since 1938](#). Memorable victories this season over Liverpool, Manchester United, Chelsea and Manchester City have set the tone for the Bees who will head into their third Premier League campaign in August with ambitions of finishing higher up the table next year.

## West London Business 'Company Spotlight' podcast returns soon



**The West London Business 'Company Spotlight' podcasts will return soon after an initial round of pilot episodes which featured stories and insights from business leaders around the WLB membership.** Before the series returns, catch up on previous episodes hosted by Amelia Grant, Head of Member Services:

- [Joyce MacFarlane - Selfsense](#)
- [Annika Bosanquet - Wrapology](#)
- [Barry Bassett - VMI](#)
- [Bill Miller - Ealing Trailfinders Rugby Club](#)

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