

## Kickstart with Curious Minds

**‘Kickstart with Curious Minds’ is a menu of wraparound support for young people currently undertaking a Kickstart opportunity.**

Drawing on expertise from across the Cultural and Creative Industries and delivered in partnership with leading cultural institutions and innovative grass-roots organisations, the wraparound support offer focuses on the development of skills we know are essential for the world of work. Across all opportunities Curious Minds will facilitate networking between young people and creative professionals; to broaden their horizons, raise aspirations and improve their networks.

We have a menu of workshops and events that young people can sign up for.

This includes:

### **Skills Start One: ‘Skills for the Creative Workplace’** (Half-day workshop)

Designed to help young people at the start of their Kickstart journey, this workshop will focus on developing key employability skills that can be transferred to any future opportunity. Learners will take part in creative activities and conversations, empowering them to understand what motivates them, what they find challenging, developing their confidence and resilience to overcome difficult situations.

### **Skills Start Two: ‘Looking for work in the creative and cultural industries’** (Half-day workshop)

Designed to help young people move on from their Kickstart job, young people will take a seat on the opposite site of the table, taking on the role of the interviewer to learn what employers are looking for when recruiting. They will work with professionals to develop a polished CV.

We recommend that learners attend both sessions to get the full benefit

### **Self-Start** (Half-day workshop)

Led by early career professionals, this workshop will help learners to identify their strengths and areas for development, setting short and long-term goals for the future. Young people will learn to articulate examples of their skills to prepare them for their next steps. They will explore the different ways to look for future opportunities and the value of developing their networks.

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### **Creative Start** (Half-day workshop)

Designed to enable young people to be proactive in making and reflecting upon their choices, they will develop the practical skills, knowledge, and agency to enable them to develop a lifelong love of the arts. This workshop will support learners to open doors to the world of arts and culture, investigating the wide range of jobs available, and what this might mean for them going forward after their Kickstart placement.

### **Skills Masterclasses**

We will host regular Skills Masterclasses designed for Kickstart employees to upskill themselves as individuals and bring new skills back into their organisation. Young people will work with creative and cultural employers to develop creative skills such as digital marketing, project management, community engagement, etc. Full details of upcoming events will be shared on Eventbrite and via our social media channels.

### **‘Spotlight on...’**

These will be online showcase events highlighting pathways and progression routes into different parts of the creative sector and different ways of working. Young people will hear from both early career professionals and more established workers to understand how they got started and how to make the most of their Kickstart opportunity. Full details of upcoming events will be shared on Eventbrite and via our social media channels.

### **Costs**

Bookings can be made for individual workshops or for one of our packages. Delivery will be a Covid-19 friendly with modules hosted online.

#### **Individual Bookings**

- Half day workshops (Skills Start One, Skills Start Two, Self-Start, Creative Start) = £200 per workshop
- Skills Masterclasses = £50 per masterclass
- Spotlight On events = £50 per event

#### **Package One**

Skills Start (both sessions), Self-Start and Creative Start

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Cost per person = £600

### **Package Two**

Skills Start (both sessions), Self-Start and Creative Start

A combination of two Skills Masterclasses or Spotlight On events

Cost per person = £675

### **Bookings Process**

All of our workshops and events are available to anyone currently in a Kickstart job.

For bookings for individual workshops and events, please use our Eventbrite page.

To book one of our packages please email [kickstart@curiousminds.org.uk](mailto:kickstart@curiousminds.org.uk). A member of the team will then be in touch to process your request.

### **Further Information**

For further details please visit <https://curiousminds.org.uk/careers-and-employability/kickstart/>

If you have any questions, please email [kickstart@curiousminds.org.uk](mailto:kickstart@curiousminds.org.uk) and we would be happy to help.

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