

## Cardo and Kingston Council welcome new apprentices

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[Cardo](#) and the Royal Borough of Kingston Council have welcomed ten new apprentices, celebrating a major step in their partnership.

Having taken over a responsive repairs and maintenance contract with Kingston Council in April, Cardo has delivered on a shared commitment to creating apprenticeships and employment opportunities for local residents.

Jay Glen and Salman Dahir have joined as Multi Trade Apprentices, while Connor Burch-Maher, Marni Jonston, and Nathan Benjamin have joined as Planned Works Supervisor Apprentices.

Also joining Cardo's Kingston office are Oliver Gouani (Minor Works Supervisor Apprentice), Millie Hyland (Complaints Handler Apprentice), Brandon Banton (Planning Apprentice), Jack McCann (Quantity Surveying Apprentice), and Maria De Freitas (Business Administrative Apprentice).

A welcome day at Cardo's Kingston office gave the new apprentices the chance to meet key figures from Kingston Council and Cardo. Speeches from Kingston Council's William Sanders and Andrew Champion highlighted career progression opportunities, while Cardo's Early Careers Manager, Ashley Church, outlined mentoring, training, and wellbeing support for the apprentices.

Royal Borough of Kingston's Corporate Head of Housing Asset Management, Andrew Champion, gave a closing speech on the importance of apprenticeships as a career pathway and the progression opportunities they can present in later life.

Speaking on the new apprentices, Andrew said: "Apprenticeships play a vital role in opening doors for

rewarding careers, transitioning young people into skilled employment and boosting the local economy. It's encouraging to see so many new recruits bringing their enthusiasm and beginning their careers with us.

"With the support of colleagues across both organisations, we're confident that our apprentices will grow in confidence and capability. Together with Cardo, we're investing in the future workforce and creating routes into skilled employment."

Stephan Coetzee, Account Manager at Cardo, said: "Making a real difference in the communities where we work is at the heart of what we do.

"We're proud to partner with Kingston Council to create meaningful training and employment opportunities that benefit not only the Kingston community but the wider sector - particularly at a time when skills shortages are becoming increasingly evident.

"We're looking forward to supporting each apprentice as they develop their skills, build confidence, and progress along their chosen pathways."