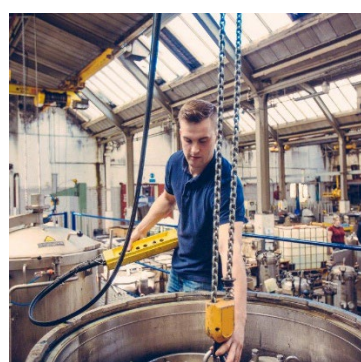


The Livery Companies Skills Council (LCSC) evolved from an initiative in 1993 by the then Lord Mayor to establish a forum within the Livery to promote vocational and educational training and to represent the concerns of the Livery to Government and policy makers. Our objectives are to serve the Livery by:

Supporting and promoting education and training in skills, and career development. The LCSC arranged a Livery pavilion at World Skills held in London in 2011 where over 200,000 young people visited over four days. Following the Lord Mayor's Apprenticeship Seminar held at Mansion House in July 2012, we successfully bid for funds for a Livery apprenticeship scheme under the Government's Employer Ownership of Skills pilot programme. The Livery Companies Apprenticeship Scheme Ltd was set up to manage the scheme which was designed to fund 52 one- and three-year apprenticeships in the age range 16-25, across some 13 different disciplines, against standards and frameworks developed by the respective participating Livery Companies. The Pilot Scheme was completed successfully in October 2017 within budget. LCAS offers advice and guidance to the Livery for both Government and private apprenticeship schemes, and it continues to provide management support for privately-funded schemes.



Maintaining awareness of vocational and technical skills developments through contacts with skills policy makers and sector institutions in government, education and industry. LCSC submitted evidence to the Leitch Review, *Prosperity for all in the Global Economy*. We submitted a paper jointly with City & Guilds, *The Contribution of the Livery to Skills for Sustainable Growth*, which has paved the way for new apprenticeship initiatives. More recently, in concert with the City Remembrancer, we have submitted evidence to the Parliamentary Select Committee enquiry on Apprenticeships, responded to consultations and made representations to Government on policy and legislation relating to apprenticeships and technical education.

Supporting, promoting and protecting Heritage Crafts. We need to raise awareness of the range of career opportunities in the many craft, technical and professional disciplines espoused by the Livery. This is a huge task, but there is scope for collaboration. It stimulated increased interest in apprenticeship training and helped to reconnect some Livery Companies with their traditional trades; it provided funding for training direct to small businesses; it established a central Secretariat and it built a huge body of knowledge. LCAS offers advice and guidance to the Livery for both Government and private apprenticeship schemes and it continues to provide management support for privately-funded schemes.

Promoting the application of low carbon, sustainable solutions in all the skills and trades across the Livery to contribute to the reduction of climate change – a common thread.

Promoting and celebrating the achievement of excellence in skills across the Livery. The Master Certificate Scheme, run in partnership with City & Guilds, celebrates excellence, encourages career progression and recognises the very highest levels of skill and experience. The Scheme now includes career progression from Apprenticeship through Journeyman to Master level. 26 Companies have adopted this Scheme. The most recent ceremony was held at Mansion House in March 2026 when certificates were presented by the Lady Mayor Dame Susan Langley.



Professional Recognition Awards. Following the successful five month pilot project in 2023 to test the viability of expanding the use of City & Guilds Professional Recognition Awards across selected Livery Companies, we now offer a scheme that enables the Livery to formally recognise and encourage the development of professional skills within their respective craft, technical and professional disciplines.

Working with the City of London Corporation on skills initiatives and support their work with young people. We also work in conjunction with **Livery Schools Link** to do all we can to engage and motivate young people.

Strengthening the established links with City & Guilds. The City and the Guilds came together in 1878 to create the City & Guilds of London Institute in response to a shortage of technical skills. C&G has a pre-eminent reputation in the eyes of Government and has grown to become a global business. We benefit enormously from their advice on policy and practice in education and skills, and in turn we seek to reinforce their historic links with the Livery.

Why LCSC? A number of Livery Companies are fortunate to be able to deliver skills training. All support training to the extent that their limited resources will allow, but most do not have the capacity to organise training in house. We exist to support the Livery in these endeavours and to help those who wish to do more.

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