

Bridge Central London Skills Partnership Green case study: Solar Careers Fair South Thames College Group (STCG)

South Thames Colleges Group collaborated with Solar Energy UK to host London's first-ever **Solar Careers Fair** in March 2024.

The Solar Careers Fair united employers from the solar and green construction sectors with students from all STCG colleges. Learners travelled from various locations to attend, joined by local schools, representatives and clients from the DWP, creating a vibrant and diverse audience keen to explore opportunities in the renewable energy sector.

The success of the inaugural event laid the groundwork for a second, enhanced Solar Careers Fair in March 2025, also in collaboration with Solar Energy UK. This initiative is part of STCG's commitment to green skills and sustainability. It highlights STCG's proactive approach to forging connections between education and industry, equipping learners with the knowledge, skills, and networks they need to succeed in the green economy.

Scale and impact:

- Approximately 180 STCG learners engaged with 13 leading employers in the solar and green industries
- GSE Intégration provided a Solar Panel Demonstration Rig, which they generously donated to STCG's construction learners
- A pop-up theatre hosted a series of 12-minute talks by industry leaders, providing insights into the skills and pathways necessary for a career in solar energy
- The fair was subsequently opened to the wider community, welcoming over 150 adult visitors who engaged with employers and explored job opportunities through the Recruitment Zone.



Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with many learners highlighting:

“ ***How much they enjoyed talking to companies, learning how solar works, and discovering the potential job/apprenticeship options in the solar field.*** ”

Learner attendees
Solar Careers Fair
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