LONDON’S TECH SCENE
AT A GLANCE
Welcome to London – one of the world’s leading technology hubs and the global capital of innovation. London’s tech scene: at a glance has been created to help you navigate this exciting ecosystem and find the best ways to expand your business here.

We’ve pinpointed tech hotspots and clusters, helping you work out whether to set up close to giants such as Google or Amazon, on the doorstep of potential investors and clients, or in one of the many buzzy accelerators, incubators and low-cost collaboration hubs springing up across the city.

Inside you’ll also find resources to help you spot opportunities and trends, secure staff and partners, pitch to investors and win new business. London & Partners wishes you the greatest success in this remarkable world city.

London is one of the world’s leading technology hubs, offering your business the fastest route to growth.

An envied ‘world city’ address
A central London base can be yours. Choose from trendy ex-industrial warehouses, collaborative accelerators sponsored by big business or space surrounded by historical grandeur.

Major investment
As the world’s number one financial centre, London offers unparalleled access to angel investors, crowdfunding platforms, banks and experienced VCs and corporate venturers who can provide access to capital and expertise. You can also take advantage of UK tax breaks and investment schemes. Visit gov.uk for more details.

International reach, clients and contracts
There are more European headquarters in London than in any other European city, giving you unbeatable access to major international contracts and projects. Entrepreneur-friendly visas make it easy to migrate from around the world.

Collaboration and inspiration
Use London’s centres of excellence and 240,000 digital technology employees* to evolve your business and develop new revenue streams. London excels in tech research and development and big data, while hybrid sectors such as FinTech, InsurTech, MedTech and AdTech offer huge commercial opportunities.

*Forecasts prepared for London & Partners by Oxford Economics, October 2016
Community

A snapshot of technology, media and telecommunications companies in London.
Explore

Starting at Clerkenwell or Canary Wharf our half day tour will take you through some of east London’s tech hotspots.

**Clerkenwell**
1. Warner Yard EC1R 5EY
2. iMakr – 3d printing EC1R 5AR
3. White Bear Yard EC1R 5DF
4. Innovation Warehouse EC1A 9PT

**Shoreditch**
5. Google Campus includes TechHub, Seedcamp, Up Europe EC2A 4BX
6. Open Data Institute EC2A 4JE
7. Hoxton Hotel EC2A 3HU
8. Ace Hotel E1 6JQ

- 55 or 243 bus to Old Street

**Spitalfields**
11. Brick Lane Market
12. The Old Truman Brewery E1 6QR
13. Second Home Spitalfields E1 5JL
14. General Assembly London E1 7PT

**Canary Wharf**
15. Level39 and Level42 One Canada Square E14 5AB

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**Beer o’clock**
Check out Exmouth Market for a brew or two. exmouth-market.com

**Hungry?**
Stop by Shoreditch Grind for a quick coffee and a bite to eat. shoreditchgrind.com

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**Top tip!**
By foot or public transport, London is easy to get around.
For more on transport visit tfl.gov.uk

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Useful contacts

London’s thriving tech scene at a glance.

Events and networking
Find partners, clients, funders and new ideas at hundreds of tech events and meet-ups across London.

- Campus London campus.co/london/en
- StartupDigest startupdigest.com/digests/london
- Tech City News techcitynews.com/events
- Tech City UK techcityuk.com
- TechHub london.techhub.com/events
- Tech.London events tech.london/events

Major annual events
- London Tech Week londontechweek.com
- NOAH Internet Conference noah-conference.com
- PayExpo payexpo.com/europe
- Social Media Week socialmediaweek.org/london
- Wearable Technology Show wearabletechnologyshow.net

Useful contacts

- Allpress Espresso uk.allpressespresso.com
- Caravan caravanrestaurants.co.uk
- Federation Coffee federationcoffee.com
- Kaffeine kaffeine.co.uk
- Lantana lantanacafe.co.uk
- Look mum no hands! lookmumnohands.com
- Makers Cafe makerscafe.com
- Origin origincoffee.co.uk
- Ozone Coffee Roasters ozonecoffee.co.uk
- Shoreditch Grind grind.co.uk
- The Breakfast Club thebreakfastclubcafes.com
- Workshop Coffee Co. workshopcoffee.com
- SpecialistsGrid specialistsgrid.com
- Stack Overflow careers.stackoverflow.com
- Tech City Jobs techcityjobs.co.uk
- Unicorn Hunt unicornhunt.io
- WorkInStartups workinstartups.com

Grab a coffee
More than just a great brew: enjoy one of the capital’s best coffees and check out the tech community.

- Allpress Espresso uk.allpressespresso.com
- Caravan caravanrestaurants.co.uk
- Federation Coffee federationcoffee.com
- Kaffeine kaffeine.co.uk
- Lantana lantanacafe.co.uk
- Look mum no hands! lookmumnohands.com
- Makers Cafe makerscafe.com

Finding tech talent
London offers the best tech talent in Europe. Find developers skilled in everything from ASP.net to Z/OS, and specialists in every other discipline under the sun.

- London Startup Jobs londonstartupjobs.co.uk
- Propel propellondon.com
- Silicon Milkroundabout siliconmilkroundabout.com

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Accelerators, incubators and co-working spaces

Find big brand mentors, sources of funding and a roadmap to success at these accelerators and incubators. Or set up office in some of the coolest co-working spaces on the planet.

Barclays Accelerator
FinTech accelerator powered by Techstars
barclaysaccelerator.com

Breed Reply
Funds and supports Internet of Things startups
breedreply.com

Campus London
Google’s space for entrepreneurs
campuslondon.com

Central Working
Your business is more than just a job, this is more than just an office
centralworking.com

IDEALondon
UCL and Cisco run Post Accelerator
idea-london.co.uk

Collider
Accelerator dedicated to marketing & adtech startups
collider.io

Impact Hub
For social entrepreneurship
impacthub.net

Incubus
Helps entrepreneurs get their business ready for accelerator programmes
incubuslondon.com

CyLon
World-leading cybersecurity accelerator
cylonlab.com

Dreamstake
dreamstake.net

GCHQ Cyber Accelerator
Developing the UK’s cybersecurity ecosystem through accelerating innovative startups
wayra.co.uk/gchq

JLAB
John Lewis technology incubator
jlab.co.uk

Innovation Warehouse
For entrepreneurs working on high growth, high impact startup businesses
innovationwarehouse.org

Launch22
Helps early stage entrepreneurs grow their enterprise
launch22.co.uk

Level39
Europe’s largest technology accelerator space for finance, retail, cyber and future cities technology companies
level39.co

MassChallenge
The most startup-friendly accelerator on the planet
masschallenge.org

Plexal
Europe’s largest innovation ecosystem on the site of London’s Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
plexal.com

Playhubs
Co-working space for games industry entrepreneurs
playhubs.com

Rise
FinTech community of rising startups and industry leaders
thinkrise.com

Rocketspace
Co-working space for high-growth startups
rocketspace.com

TechHub
Spaces around the world for tech entrepreneurs to meet, work, learn and collaborate
techhub.com

Techstars
Global ecosystem for entrepreneurs
techstars.com/program/locations/london

The Bakery
The world’s first AdTech accelerator
thebakerylondon.com

The Trampery
Spaces for entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation
thetrampery.com

TravelTech Lab
Brings together technology startups with big corporates within the travel industry
taveltechlab.london

TrueStart
Retail and fashion accelerator
truestart.co.uk

Wayra
Telefonica's startup accelerator programme includes Wayra UnLtd
uk.wayra.org

White Bear Yard
Hub for new startup and digital technology and media companies
whitebearyard.com

Co-working space listings

CoWorkingLondon
coworkinglondon.com

Hubble
Easy online marketplace for finding office space in London
hubblehq.com

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Rainmaking Loft
Co-working space and startup hub based at historic St Katherine’s Docks
rainmakingloft.com

Second Home
Workplace for entrepreneurs and creative businesses to come together
secondhome.io

WeWork
Provider of shared workspace, community, and services wework.com

Attracting investment

LONDON VC CLUB

The London VC club facilitates introductions to London’s leading investors allowing startups and scale-ups to grow more quickly.
If you’re a startup or scale-up seeking investment, joining the London VC Club will enable you to put yourself in front of London’s leading Corporate Venture Capital (CVC) firms, Venture Capital (VC) firms, crowdfunding platform and angel network.
Find out more: invest.london/grow/vc-london

Growth

London & Partners’ Business Growth programme helps London SMEs to overcome their growth barriers by providing strategic solutions including mentoring, workshops, business growth advice and opportunities across our London network.
businessgrowth.london

News and blogs

Stay ahead of the digital curve with these news updates from around Europe and the globe.

Growth Business
growthbusiness.co.uk

Useful resources

startups
startups.co.uk

Tech.eu
tech.eu/newsletter

Tech City News
techcitynews.com

Department for International Trade (DIT)
gov.uk/dit

Digital Catapult
digital.catapult.org.uk

Digital Marketplace
digitalmarketplace.service.gov.uk

Entrepreneur Handbook
trepreneurhandbook.co.uk

GROW.LONDON
grow.london

Innovate Finance
innovatefinance.com

Innovate UK
innovateuk.org

London Business Growth Hub
growthhub.london

StartUp Britain
startupbritain.org

Tech Connect
tech-connect.co
For practical information on how to set up your business in London, visit our website or contact us to see how we can help.

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– Create a powerful business case for expanding to London
– Find the best location
– Recruit the right people
– Create the perfect office
– Build a network of partners
– Enjoy London life

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Tech City UK
techcityuk.com

Tech.London
tech.london

techUK
techuk.org

Tech London Advocates
Triage
techlondonadvocates.org.uk/get-involved

The Open Data Institute
theodi.org

UKIE
ukie.org.uk