

London's Tech Scene

At a glance

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Welcome

Welcome to London – one of the world’s leading technology hubs and Europe’s biggest startup ecosystem¹. 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 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.

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We felt that we needed enthusiastic, vibrant, innovative talent and London really has that.

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¹ Compass' The Global Startup Ecosystem Ranking 2017



A unique blend of talent, investment, reach and innovation makes London a world leader in tech.

Talent and innovation

Four of the world’s top ten universities are in London and nearby Oxford and Cambridge², providing companies with a unique access to talent.

London excels in tech research and development and big data, while hybrid sectors such as AdTech, CyberTech, FinTech, Med-Tech and RetailTech offer huge opportunities for global professionals to relocate.

Major investment

London attracted significantly more venture capital investment than any other major European city in 2017³. As the world’s financial centre, London offers exceptional access to angel investors, crowdfunding platforms, banks and experienced VCs and corporate venturers. Visit gov.uk for information on the tax breaks and investment schemes available.

² QS World University Rankings 2018

³ London & Partners analysis of data from Pitchbook, December 2017

⁴ Deloitte, 2014.

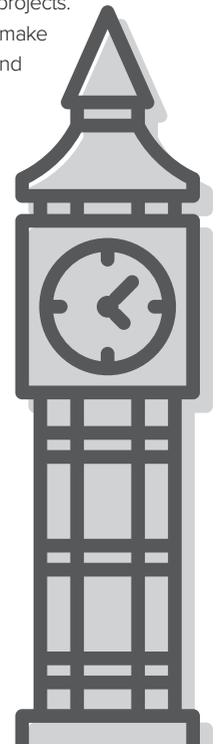
International reach

There are more European headquarters in London than in any other European city⁴, giving you unbeatable access to major international contracts and projects.

Entrepreneur-friendly visas make it easy to migrate from around the world.

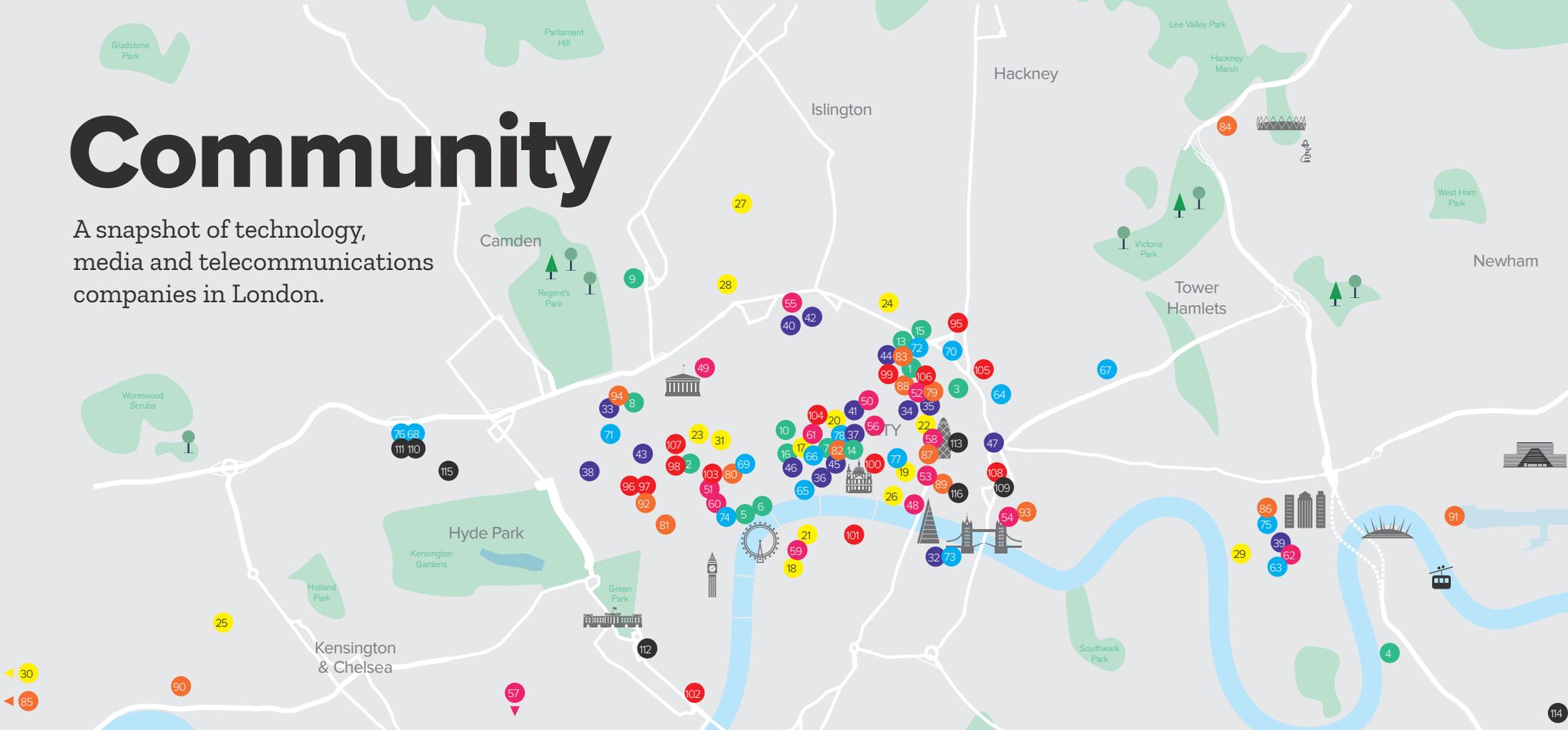
A growing city

The number of digital tech enterprises in London is set to grow by a third by 2026, taking the number of digital technology companies to over 61,000.



Community

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



1 Adobe	17 Capgemini	32 dotmailer	48 Gett	63 Intel	79 OpenTable	95 Songkick	109 Unruly
2 Adyen	18 Chariot	33 Dropbox	49 Glassdoor	64 Interxion	80 Palantir	96 Sony Computer Entertainment	110 Vodafone
3 Airbnb	19 China Mobile	34 DueDil	50 GoCardless	65 iZettle	81 PayPal	97 Spotify	111 Wipro
4 Alcatel-Lucent	20 Cisco	35 Early Metrics	51 Google	66 Just Eat	82 Pinterest	98 Square	112 WorldRemit
5 Alibaba	21 Citymapper	36 eBay	52 HelloFresh	67 Kano	83 Pivotal	99 Stack Overflow	113 WP Engine
6 Alipay	22 Cocoon Networks	37 EE	53 HCL	68 Kaspersky	84 Plexal	100 Stripe	114 YOOX Net-a-Porter Group
7 Amazon	23 Criteo	38 Electronic Arts	54 HootSuite	69 King	85 Qualcomm	101 Tableau Software	115 Zendesk
8 Approach	24 Decoded	39 eToro	55 Houzz	70 Kiosked	86 Revolut	102 TATA Consultancy Services	116 Zomato
9 ASOS	25 Deezer	40 Etsy	56 HP	71 Klarna	87 Salesforce	103 Telefonica Digital (Telefonica Innovation)	
10 Atos	26 Deliveroo	41 Eventbrite	57 Hutchison Whampoa	72 Last.fm	88 Scalable Capital	104 Theodo	
11 Babylon Health	27 Devialet	42 Expedia	58 Huawei Global Finance	73 LG International	89 SAP	105 TransferWise	
12 Blippar	28 DeepMind	43 Facebook	59 IBM	74 LinkedIn	90 Shazam	106 Twilio	
13 Box	29 Digital Shadows	44 FarFetch	60 ILM (Industrial Light & Magic)	75 Mangopay	91 Siemens	107 Twitter	
14 BT	30 Discovery Communications	45 FON	61 Improbable	76 Microsoft	92 Snap Inc.	108 Uber	
15 busuu	31 Dolby	46 Framstore	62 Infosys	77 NTT Europe	93 Sky		
16 BuzzFeed		47 General Assembly		78 Okta	94 Slack		

Explore

Starting at King's Cross or Stratford our half day tour will take you through some of London's tech hotspots.

King's Cross

- 1 Eurostar terminal EC1R 5EY
 - 2 Kings Place N1 9AG
 - 3 DeepMind NIC 4AG
 - 4 Digital Catapult NW1 2RA
 - 5 The Francis Crick Institute NW1 1AT
- 🚶 45 or 46 bus to Clerkenwell Road Rosebery Avenue

Shoreditch

- 6 The Hoxton EC2A 4DP
 - 7 Rise London EC2A 4DP
 - 8 Central Working Shoreditch EC2A 4BX
 - 9 Campus London, includes TechHub and Seedcamp EC2A 4BX
 - 10 IDEALondon EC2A 2BB
 - 11 Open Data Institute EC2A 4JE
 - 12 BOXPARK E1 6GY
 - 13 Tea Building E1 6JJ
- Walk to Spitalfields

Spitalfields

- 14 Brick Lane Market
 - 15 The Old Truman Brewery E1 6QL
 - 16 Second Home Spitalfields E1 5JL
 - 17 General Assembly London E1 7PT
- 🚶 DLR to Canary Wharf

Canary Wharf

- 18 Level39 One Canada Square E14 5AB
- 🚶 DLR to Stratford

Stratford

- 19 Here East, includes Plexal, BT Sport, Ford, London Cyber Innovation Centre E20 3BS



Top tip!

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



Hungry?

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

Useful Contacts

London's thriving tech scene at a glance.

Talent and innovation

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

Campus London
campus.co/london/en

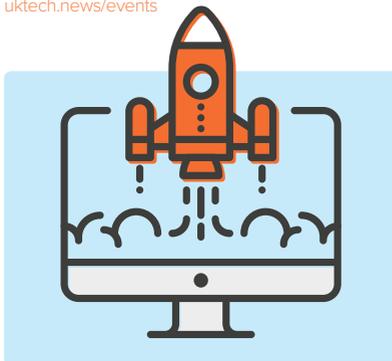
StartupDigest
startupdigest.com/digests/london

Tech Nation
technation.io

TechHub
london.techhub.com/events

Tech.London events
tech.london/events

UK Tech News
uktech.news/events



Major Annual Events

ad:tech London
london.ad-tech.com

Advertising Week Europe
europe.advertisingweek.com

Bett
bettshow.com

Cloud Expo Europe
cloudexpo.europe.com

Infosecurity
infosecurityeurope.com

The Europas
theeuropas.com

The London Games Festival
games.london

London Tech Week
londontechweek.com

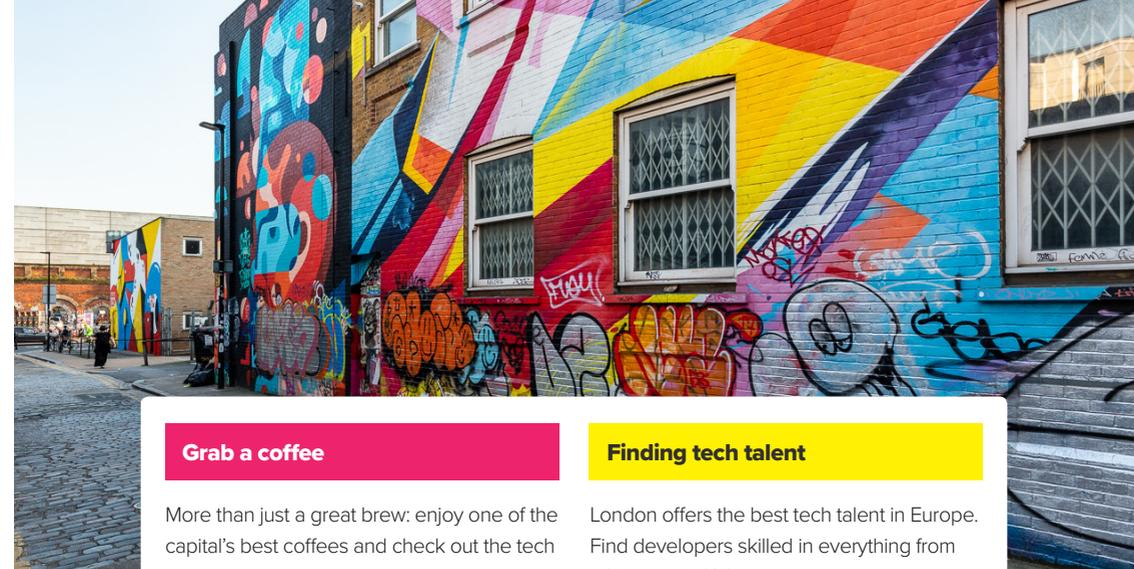
NOAH Internet Conference
noah-conference.com

PayExpo
payexpo.com/europe

Social Media Week
socialmediaweek.org/london

TechX365
techx365.com

Wearable Technology Show
wearabletechnologyshow.net



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
federation.coffee

Kaffeine
kaffeine.co.uk

Lantana
lantana.cafe.co.uk

look mum no hands!
lookmumnohands.com

MakersCafe
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

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.

Graduate Talent Pool
graduatetalentpoolsearch.direct.gov.uk

London Startup Jobs
londonstartupjobs.co.uk

Propel
propellondon.com

Silicon Milkroundabout
siliconmilkroundabout.com

SpecialistsGrid
specialistsgrid.com

Stack Overflow
stackoverflow.com/jobs

Tech City Jobs
techcityuk.com/jobs

Talent Pool
talentpool.com

Unicorn Hunt
unicornhunt.io

Work InStartups
workinstartups.com



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
reply.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

Collider

Accelerator dedicated to marketing & adtech startups
collider.io

CyLon

World-leading cybersecurity accelerator
cylonlab.com

Dreamstake Ventures

dreamstakeventures.com

Founders Factory

foundersfactory.com

GCHQ Cyber Accelerator

Developing the UK's cybersecurity ecosystem through accelerating innovative startups
wayra.co.uk/gchq

IDEALondon

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

Impact Hub

For social entrepreneurship
impacthub.net

Innovation Warehouse

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

JLAB

John Lewis technology incubator
jlab.co.uk

Launch22

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

LawTech Eagle Lab

labs.uk.barclays/lawtech

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

Rise

FinTech community of rising startups and industry leaders
thinkrise.com

Rocketspace

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

Startupbootcamp

For global startups
startupbootcamp.org

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 Hoxton Mix

hoxtonmix.com

The Realities Centre

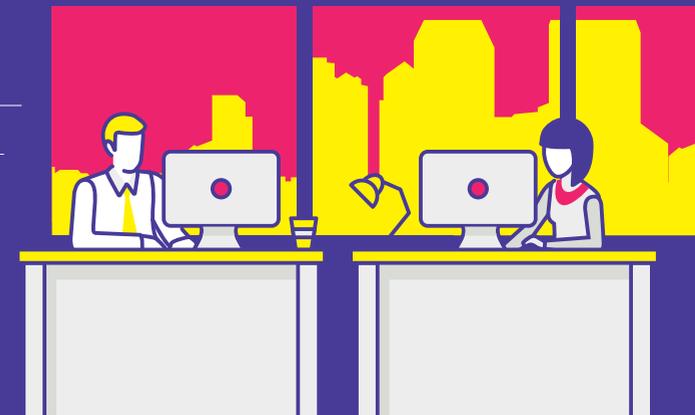
realitiescentre.com

The Trampery

Spaces for entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation
thetrampery.com

TrueStart

Retail and fashion accelerator
truestart.co.uk



Wayra

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

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

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

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

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.

Business Insider UK
uk.businessinsider.com

Growth Business
growthbusiness.co.uk

startups
startups.co.uk

Tech.eu
tech.eu/newsletter

Tech City News
uktech.news

Useful resources

CoWorkingLondon
coworkinglondon.com

Creative Entrepreneurs
creativeentrepreneurs.co

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

Digital Catapult
digital.catapult.org.uk

Digital Marketplace
digitalmarketplace.service.gov.uk

Entrepreneur Handbook
entrepreneurhandbook.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

Tech Nation
technation.io

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



Find out more

For practical information on how to set up your business in London, visit our website or contact us for free and confidential advice.

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twitter: @L_Pbusiness

London & Partners is the official promotional company for London. Our specialist business network can help you:

- 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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If you're serious about growing internationally, London has to be at the very top of your list.

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