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New partnership to build digital skills for jobs of the future

Today, 1st October 2020, Tech Partnership Degrees formally joined forces with techUK to help focus UK digital skills development on creating the jobs of the future.

This powerful new partnership brings together Tech Partnership Degrees' track record for impact through action on digital skills with techUK's strength as the UK's leading technology membership organisation.

Employers collaborate to strengthen the flow of talent into digital careers through Tech Partnership Degrees. The employer led Tech Industry Gold accreditation for degrees and degree apprenticeships has set exceptional new standards for employability, academic achievement and inclusivity.

Working with techUK will accelerate benefits to individuals, organisations, society and the economy. Broader employer backing and deeper connection to work on skills policy will help Tech Partnership Degrees to scale up and broaden its impact. For techUK, the partnership brings a delivery capability to support policy work and enables practical action on employers' top skills issues.

Operating as a wholly owned subsidiary of techUK, Tech Partnership Degrees continues to be a legal entity in its own right, led by its cross-sector Employer Board. View the preannouncement for [more information about the merger](#). Those currently working for Tech Partnership Degrees continue to do so, under the leadership of the [new Managing Director Tom Lovell](#).

Gillian Keegan MP, Apprenticeships and Skills Minister said:

"The tech sector continues to play a vital role helping to plug skill gaps, level up opportunities and support our economic recovery."

"The government is working on a range of initiatives to enable students of all ages to get into the high skill, high wage jobs that higher technical education can lead to. techUK are doing brilliant work helping employers to find the computer programmers, engineers, electricians and technicians they need. It's great to see that techUK are focussed, as we are, on young people getting a head start in their careers and giving adults the opportunity to retrain."

Julian David, CEO of techUK said:

"Having supported the accreditation work of the Tech Partnership for many years, we are delighted that the Tech Partnership Degrees organisation will become part of the techUK family. This opportunity will enhance our collective impact on the digital skills agenda to ensure a diverse and inclusive pipeline of people joining our industry as we work to help the UK recover and reinvent."



Tom Lovell, MD of Tech Partnership Degrees said:

“Getting Britain back to work is essential to the economic recovery. The tech sector has played a leading role in job creation over recent years and the requirement for high level digital skills will underpin many of the jobs of the future. By collaborating across industry and education, we are able to ensure a focus on developing the skills employers seek. I’m excited by the opportunities this new partnership will bring, to broaden the reach of the work we do, to widen participation in the tech sector and to help set people up for successful digital careers.”

Further information about Tech Partnership Degrees and techUK can be found at www.tpdegrees.com and www.techuk.org

For enquiries, please email info@tpdegrees.com or press@techuk.org.

About Tech Partnership Degrees

Employer-led and not-for-profit, Tech Partnership Degrees unites employers and Higher Education Institutions to improve the flow of talent into the digital workforce. It is responsible for Tech Industry Gold, the industry accreditation for digital and tech degrees and degree apprenticeships.



Tech Industry Gold programmes are designed to meet employer defined standards and are actively supported by employers in their delivery. They integrate industry-relevant academic learning with the technical, business and interpersonal skills needed to excel in digital careers.

Tech Partnership Degrees is a wholly owned subsidiary of techUK, the UK’s leading technology membership organisation.

About techUK

techUK is the trade association which brings together people, companies and organisations to realise the positive outcomes of what digital technology can achieve.

With over 800 members (the majority of which are SMEs) across the UK, techUK creates a network for innovation and collaboration across business, government and stakeholders to provide a better future for people, society, the economy and the planet.

By providing expertise and insight, we support our members, partners and stakeholders as they prepare the UK for what comes next in a constantly changing world.

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