

Local Voice, Local Stories

Empowering people in their quest for work

Ebony Bain and Warren Campbell on why they launched their unique jobs fair organisation CareerQuest

In today's ever-changing job market, the path to a fulfilling career can feel uncertain, particularly for young people and those navigating career changes later in life.

That's why we founded CareerQuest, which is more than just a careers event; it's a movement designed to help people in Enfield and beyond to unlock opportunities, build networks, and discover their potential.

As local entrepreneurs, we've always shared a passion for helping others and creating spaces where people feel seen, heard, and empowered to grow. We noticed a gap in the market, as while there are plenty of job fairs, few truly address the needs of the actual person. People don't just need CV tips; they need confidence, clarity, and connections.

We wanted to create something dynamic, which brought together practical career advice with inspiration, networking, and real job opportunities.

Our combined backgrounds bring this mission to life. Ebony's expertise is in business and career development, and public speaking. Plus, as a time management specialist and author, she is focused on empowering professionals to balance multiple roles and to thrive in demanding environments. Warren brings deep experience in community development, event organisation, and youth mentoring.

Together, we created CareerQuest to combine practical career guidance with inspiration, networking, and real-world job opportunities. Our vision and what sets us apart is our commitment to inclusivity and representation.

We intentionally prioritise



Warren and Ebony,
founders of CareerQuest
Credit Kai Images

working within the Black diaspora where possible and this is a founding principle. Representation matters. When people see themselves reflected in professionals and leaders, their aspirations feel possible too. We consciously collaborate with Black-owned businesses, diverse entrepreneurs, and organisations committed to equal opportunity.

Our events come in different formats, but all carry the same core purpose: empowerment through access. These include a variety of activities from networking sessions where attendees meet industry professionals and ask real, personal questions, to our high-powered panel discussions featuring diverse voices who share honest stories of chal-

lenges, growth, and success.

We also host keynote speakers who inspire our audiences with powerful messages of resilience and achievement.

Then we have our job and training fairs, offering concrete opportunities, not just theories or ideas. Alongside the main programming, we also offer CV reviews, free LinkedIn headshots and refreshments to create a warm, welcoming environment.

Launching in Enfield was an obvious choice, this is a borough that is full of energy, diversity, and untapped potential. At the same time, we know many local residents face barriers, from young people searching for direction, to adults needing retraining, to communities lack-

ing equal access to opportunity.

As founders rooted in Enfield, we've seen this potential first-hand, and we wanted to build something for the community, by the community, with the power to scale nationally.

Running a start-up of this size and ambition isn't easy, especially with a small core team. But what fuels us is the growing network of volunteers, sponsors, and collaborators who believe in what we're doing. Every panellist, exhibitor, and supporter helps amplify our mission and every success story fuels our momentum.

Our goal is to grow and to become one of the UK's leading platforms for career development. We want to see it become a year-round movement of activities. We have plans to launch digital platforms, mentorship programmes, and partnerships with schools and businesses to reach even more people.

At its heart, CareerQuest is about hope and possibility. In a world where job markets shift rapidly, where traditional career paths no longer guarantee stability, and where many people feel excluded from opportunity, we believe your future is worth investing in, and you are not alone on the journey.

We invite the community to get involved, whether by attending, volunteering or partnering with us.

CareerQuest is a collective effort, and together, we can build futures that are brighter, bolder, and more inclusive.

For more information:
Insta/TikTok @ukcareerquest
Visit ukcareerquest.co.uk

We'd love to see you at our next event from 5pm-8pm on Tuesday, 25th November at the Dugdale:
Visit careerquest5.eventbrite.co.uk

Our Voice supports families with SEND children in Enfield



Giving SEND families a voice

BY KHILNA GUDHKA & JACKIE PUMMELL

Our Voice is the parent/carer forum for Enfield borough, supporting the families of children and young people aged up to 25, who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

One of the most important things about Our Voice is that all of our team – who mainly work as volunteers – are themselves parent carers of at least one child or young person who has SEND, giving us an exceptional level of insight into the joys and challenges that role can present.

Our team regularly meets with key figures in the local authority and local health services to try to influence the development and review of the vital services that support families of children with SEND, and we also work with other relevant voluntary sector organisations.

We provide support directly to parent carers in lots of different ways, such as providing a helpline and email response to queries and running a wide range of different events, from our coffee mornings and information events for parent-carers, to our youth events.

Our most popular events are usually the in-term parties that we run, where parents are able to enjoy time with their children in a fun, safe and inclusive environment – something that isn't always easy for many.

Find out more about Our Voice and sign up for weekly updates:
Email info@ourvoiceenfield.org.uk
Visit ourvoiceenfield.org.uk

Khilna Gudhka from Our Voice is using her lived experience of disability to support LocalMotion's 'Empowering Disability In Enfield' working group.