



The Worshipful Company of Security Professionals
Apprentice Scheme

The London Livery

The London Livery dates back to the 13th Century when Guilds were formed to regulate the key trades such as Butchers, Bakers, Grocers, Goldsmiths and many more, but also to train Apprentices to become the future professionals of their trades. The Livery has developed considerably from those early days and now comprises 110 Livery companies. Their new aims are to raise funds for education and charity (some £50M is raised annually) and to provide social and business networks, based around the City of London, for their very wide and diverse memberships.

Our Apprentice Scheme

The Worshipful Company of Security Professionals is one of the new, modern Livery companies. It has a dynamic Apprentice Scheme aimed at ambitious young people who wish to become Freeman and Liveryman of the Company and as part of that journey, obtain an understanding of the history, traditions and the workings of the modern City of London. The Scheme provides a well-structured programme, with an enjoyable social dimension, to enable apprentices to begin developing career skills. It is open to young people in the age range 17 to 20 years at the time of inrolement and lasts for between four and six years. This Scheme is not intended to be a professional training programme for the security industry. At the successful conclusion you will receive your Freedom of the Company and continue as a Young Member, hopefully progressing to Liveryman, and take an active part in the activities of the Company.

The Company was established in 1999 and it is one of the principle security-based organisations in the UK. It is made up of 500 members drawn from across the security professions, including the military, police, and Government departments, the wide and diverse private security sector (many of the world's leading security companies are based in London), and some areas of the legal profession.

After being invited to join our Worshipful Company, an apprentice will be 'bound' to an apprentice master who will act as their guide and mentor throughout their apprenticeship and introduce them to the Company, the City of London, its events and benefits. Apprentices attend several designated Company events such as the Master's Installation, Founders' Service, Common Hall, Carol Service, Annual Security Lecture and others. There are also Apprentice Events, which are organised specifically for them. These are designed to broaden knowledge and understanding of the City of London and all conclude with a short and fun social dimension. Such events include visits to famous City locations such as, the Tower of London, Royal Courts of Justice, City of London Police and our affiliated military units.

You will need to be in the age range of 17 to 20 years of age when you join as an apprentice and you will need to complete an application form obtainable from the Clerk on Tel: + 44 (0)1787 282777 or email: clerk@wcosp.org.

You will need to be recommended by an appropriate senior person in your organisation and the corresponding member of the Company.

Once your application is approved, you will be invited to a meeting of the Court, along with your parents or guests, to be 'bound' to your Apprentice Master.

More background on the Company and the City of London Livery is available on our web site at: www.wcosp.org