



DIGITAL AND IT

Digital literacy has been described as “the ability to find, evaluate, utilize, share, and create content using information technologies and the Internet”. Basically, the levels of digital skills range from sending and receiving emails to being able to programme a video game. ONS describes digital skills as those that simply allow for the safe and competent use of the internet.



SELEP SKILLS ADVISORY
PANEL SECTOR LEAD

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“Working for STEM Learning, it remains one of the most challenging and enjoyable roles of my career. As a trained professional scientist, there is no one more dedicated to encouraging young people to consider Science and STEM as a possible career destination, in order to address skills shortages in a number of key sectors from engineering to digital. I genuinely love my job.”

CASE STUDY

For a firsthand account of working in the sector, read about Gunja Limbu’s role as an Apprentice Network Engineer for Openreach



READ THE CASE STUDY

KEY FACTS

MALE/FEMALE REPRESENTATION

MALE: **67%**
FEMALE: **33%**

EMPLOYEES IN SELEP AREA

There are **62,112** working in the sector and many more in digital roles in other sectors

AVERAGE AGE OF WORKFORCE

25-54

CURRENT VACANCIES IN SECTOR

Nearly **40,000** vacancies annually

EXAMPLE ROLES AND AVERAGE SALARIES

- » Programmers and Software
- » Developers
- » Coders
- » Game developers
- » IT Support initiatives
- » **£39,017** average yearly wage
- » **£18.19** average hourly wage

CURRENT APPRENTICESHIP NUMBERS

Q3 2019/20
STARTERS: **930**
ACHIEVERS: **430**

FURTHER SUPPORT

*For the latest information and support, visit the **South East Skills** website*

CAREERS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

- » National Careers Service

TRAINING

- » FutureFit AI
- » Code Institute

JOBS

- » Govt’s Find a Job service
- » Govt Apprenticeship Service

SIGNPOSTING AND SUPPORT

- » South East Digital Skills Partnership
- » Only Digital Jobs

FURTHER INFORMATION

- » Diversity and Inclusion in Tech
- » Lloyds Bank Digital Consumer Index

