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Year in Review

2025–2026



About London Higher

London Higher is the representative body for higher education in the capital. We bring together universities, conservatoires, specialist and research institutes to influence policy, strengthen London's position as a global education leader and champion the contribution our institutions make to the city's economic, cultural and civic life.

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Reflections from the Chair



Professor Shitij Kapur
Chair of London Higher

Vice-Chancellor & President
King's College London

The past year has been a challenging one for higher education. Financial pressures, policy change and an increasingly complex operating environment have tested institutions across the country. Yet they have also reinforced an enduring truth: the challenges facing our sector are best met through collaboration.

There is nowhere better placed to demonstrate that than London. As the higher education capital of the world, London brings together an extraordinary concentration of universities, colleges, students, researchers and innovators. Collectively, our members educate future leaders, generate world-leading research, drive innovation and creativity, and work alongside business, government and communities to tackle society's most pressing challenges. Their contribution is fundamental not only to London's success, but to the prosperity and competitiveness of the UK.

Throughout the year, London Higher has worked to ensure higher education has a strong and influential voice in shaping London's future. We have strengthened partnerships across City Hall, the NHS, business and local government, helped shape the capital's

skills and growth agenda, championed the value of international education and ensured our members' perspectives have informed national policy discussions. Through our Higher Education Capital of the World campaign and wider partnerships, we have also continued to champion London as a global centre for higher education, research and innovation.

This has also been an important year for London Higher. We have refreshed our strategy to reflect both the changing needs of our members and the opportunities ahead. Our ambition is clear: to strengthen collaboration, amplify the collective voice of London's higher education sector and ensure our members are recognised as essential partners in delivering opportunity, innovation and sustainable growth.

The pages that follow demonstrate the breadth of that contribution.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our members, partners and staff for their commitment and support over the past year. Together, we will continue to strengthen London's position as the world's higher education capital and champion the vital role our sector plays in the success of our city and country.

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Introduction



Liz Hutchinson
Chief Executive of London Higher

One of my priorities in my first year as Chief Executive has been to ensure London Higher is recognised as a trusted partner for London, bringing the expertise of our sector into the conversations that will shape the capital's future.

Over the past year I have visited every one of our member institutions, meeting colleagues across London to understand their ambitions, the challenges they face and the opportunities they see for the future.

Those conversations reinforced the importance of a strong collective voice for higher education in London. They also highlighted a clear expectation: that London Higher should do more than represent its members. Institutions want us to connect people, build partnerships, influence decisions and create opportunities that would be difficult for any one organisation to achieve alone.

That feedback has shaped both our priorities and our approach. Together with our Chair and Board, we have refreshed our strategy to focus on where London Higher can make the greatest difference and how we can best support the world's leading higher education city.

Throughout the year, we have worked to ensure higher education is represented where decisions about London's future are being made. We have helped shape the Mayor's Inclusive Talent Strategy, contributed to the London Growth Plan, strengthened partnerships across the capital and championed London's position as the Higher Education Capital of the World. We have also created new opportunities for collaboration through our leadership forums, networks and strategic partnerships, while continuing to strengthen London Higher itself so that we can deliver greater value for members.

This Annual Review highlights what we have achieved together over the past year. I have been struck by the expertise, ambition and commitment across our membership, and I am excited by what we can achieve together in the years ahead. I look forward to working with our members and partners as we continue to strengthen London's position as the world's higher education capital and ensure our sector plays a leading role in delivering opportunity, innovation and growth.

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Our Strategic Priorities

London Higher's new strategy sets out a vision of a sector that is locally loved, nationally valued and leading the world. Our mission is to strengthen and champion London's higher education sector by showcasing its impact and enabling stronger collaboration across our sector, in London and beyond.

Our strategic priorities are to:

1

Embed higher education at the heart of London's future

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Showcase and sustain London as the higher education capital of the world

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Advocate for London's higher education sector and its value to the UK and the world

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Strengthen collaboration and collective impact across our sector and beyond

1

Embed higher education at the heart of London's future.

This year, London Higher worked to ensure higher education was embedded in the decisions shaping London's future; from skills and workforce planning to innovation, growth and public service reform.

Through partnerships with City Hall, the NHS, business and local government, we strengthened higher education's role as a strategic partner in London's future and ensured the sector's expertise informed key regional priorities.

Highlights from the year:

› **Strengthened higher education's voice in London.**

We represented the sector on key strategic boards and advisory groups shaping the capital's future, including skills, transport, health and economic growth including the London Partnership Board, London People Board and the TfL Business Advisory Group.

› **Helped shape London's skills agenda.**

We ensured higher education was reflected in the major skills and workforce strategies and strengthened collaboration between universities, employers and public bodies.

- › Co-hosted a Future Jobs roundtable with the University of East London and Universities UK, bringing together universities and employers to discuss future workforce needs.
- › Contributed to the development of the Mayor's Inclusive Talent Strategy and continue to represent the sector through membership of the Delivery Group.

› **Built stronger partnerships across London.**

We strengthened relationships with key organisations across local government, health, business and further education, including London Councils and the Association of Colleges, creating new opportunities for collaboration.

- › Our Chair, Professor Shitij Kapur, was appointed to the BusinessLDN Growth Commission, helping shape recommendations on the role of universities in London's economy.
- › Invited Dame Caroline Clarke, Regional Director for NHS London, to join our Board, strengthening collaboration on workforce, innovation and delivery of the NHS Ten Year Plan.
- › Invited Laura Citron, Chief Executive of London & Partners, to join our Board, strengthening links between higher education and London's growth agenda.

› **Positioned higher education as a partner in London's growth.**

We ensured universities were represented in discussions on innovation, investment and economic development across the capital.

- › Supported the development of the Local Innovation Partnership Fund in London and worked with partners to showcase our member's research strengths.
- › Secured representation for the sector on the Frontier Innovation Board overseeing London's £30 million innovation portfolio.

› **Convened London's anchor institutions.**

We strengthened collaboration between London's major civic institutions through our leadership role in the London Anchor Institutions Network.

- › Co-chaired the Network alongside NHS London, reinforcing the role of universities as anchor institutions within the capital.
- › Led the Supporting and Inspiring Young Londoners working group, sharing good practice on support for care-experienced young people including at the annual LAIN conference.

› **Provided strategic insight and evidence to inform regional policy and decision making.**

We ensured higher education expertise informed policy discussions on growth, planning, housing, widening participation and AI.

- › Submitted evidence to the APPG for London's London Calling inquiry and gave oral evidence on the contribution of London's higher education sector to growth and innovation.
- › Provided aggregate student housing data to support development of the new London Plan, the Mayor's spatial plan
- › Supported the Mayor's AI Taskforce with sector insight, advice and convening opportunities.

CASE STUDY

Building London's future talent pipeline

The GLA has committed to putting London at the leading edge of scientific breakthrough and discovery, specialising in 'frontier innovation' industries such as life sciences, AI and green technology. Our [New Frontier](#) report looks at how London's HE sector can support this. It was the first piece of research to systematically assess linkages between higher education-led widening participation work and London's inclusive talent policy programme. It was covered in the sector press and has provided our members with a mechanism for evidencing their contribution to the skills pipeline in Industrial Strategy priority sectors.

CASE STUDY

Expanding opportunity through Holiday Hope

We secured £90,000 GLA funding to align our members' non-term-time outreach programmes with City Hall's Holiday Hope initiative. Holiday Hope aims to provide 250,000 young Londoners with positive extracurricular opportunities by 2028. The funding will support seven existing HE-led programmes to grow in scale and reach, thereby contributing to this programme target. It will also create a blueprint for deeper collaboration between London's HE and youth sector.

Our impact

- Higher education embedded in London's key partnerships and decision-making structures.
- Higher education recognised as a strategic partner in London's growth, skills and innovation agenda.
- Stronger collaboration between universities, government, business and the NHS.
- London Higher recognised as a trusted and influential voice for the sector.

What our partners say



“Liz Hutchinson is a great addition to London Anchor Institutions’ Network leadership and her experience as CEO of London Higher will help us close pay gaps, support young people and move closer to our net zero goals. We will continue to lay the groundwork for cross-sector cooperation helping create a fairer, greener and more prosperous city for everyone.”

Sir Sadiq Khan,
Mayor of London



“This is an important time for both the NHS and higher education in London, as we work together to tackle workforce challenges, improve population health and support innovation in care. Universities are key partners in training the staff we need, advancing research and supporting service improvement, and I look forward to strengthening that collaboration for the benefit of patients and communities across the capital.”

Dame Caroline Clarke,
Regional Director for the NHS in London



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Showcase and sustain London as the Higher Education Capital of the world.

London's position as a global destination for study, research and innovation depends on a strong and visible higher education sector. This year we strengthened that position through partnerships, advocacy and new initiatives to support international education.

Working with partners across London and beyond, we championed the value of international education, promoted London's unique strengths and helped shape a more coordinated approach to supporting international students and global engagement.

Highlights from the year:

› **Positioned higher education at the heart of London's international growth agenda.**

We ensured higher education played a central role in shaping London's international ambitions and future competitiveness.

- › Asked to develop the international education strand of the London Growth Plan in partnership with London & Partners and the GLA, including plans for a coordinated welcome programme for international students
- › Convened members and partners to inform London's response to the International Education Strategy.

› **Championed London as the Higher Education Capital of the World**

We strengthened London's global reputation through campaigns that showcased the capital's distinctive higher education offer.

- › Launched the Higher Education Capital of the World campaign with a new report compiling the evidence which shows we are world-beating
- › Delivered the London Shows campaign, promoting degree shows across London's universities and specialist institutions.

› **Strengthened London's international profile.**

We brought together leaders from higher education, business and government to promote London as a global destination for talent, research and innovation.

- › Delivered our flagship conference, [London: A Global Magnet for Talent](#),
- › Convened an international student employability event with UCL, Graduate Futures Institute, London & Partners and student founders.

» **Championed the value of international students.**

We worked with partners across the sector to influence national debate and respond to policy proposals affecting international recruitment, including the Immigration White Paper

- » Secured long-term strategic support from the GLA and Mayor Sadiq Khan to partner in mitigating impacts of the white paper.
- » With partners, secured a concession for an allowance of 220 students.
- » Provided oral and written evidence to the APPG for International Students.

» **Enhanced London's global reputation.**

We worked with Team London partners to address issues affecting international perceptions of London and strengthen the capital's attractiveness to students and researchers.

- » Student perceptions of London - provided institutional intelligence on negative perceptions of London and the impact of social media.
- » Worked with members to source advocates for FDCO campaign aimed at gulf audiences..

» **Supported inward investment and global partnerships.**

We connected members with international delegations and promoted London's higher education strengths to global audiences.

- » Connected members with delegations from Sri Lanka, Morocco, Uzbekistan and Ghana through the British Council and presented to delegations at the Dutch Embassy and Serbian Ministry of Science.
- » Represented London on the ministerial-led Greater LA delegation, promoting our member strengths in creative and life sciences and securing leads for partnership and investment for members.

CASE STUDY

Making the economic case for global talent in London

Our Global City, Global Talent report made the case for international talent as a driver of London's competitiveness. Based on a poll of more than 1,000 London business leaders, 91% identified international graduates as essential to the city's future success. The report secured strong media coverage, including an exclusive by Andy Silvester, London Editor at The Times, followed by BBC London coverage as part of a segment on international students. Supported by Deputy Mayor for Business Howard Dawber, the report was widely shared by member institutions, industry stakeholders, the GLA and sector media.

CASE STUDY

Showcasing London's next generation of creative talent

The London Summer Shows campaign brought together London's free and low-cost graduate degree shows, performances and exhibitions in a single public-facing calendar, helping audiences discover emerging creative talent across the capital's universities, colleges and conservatoires. We secured strong stakeholder support, including an endorsement from Deputy Mayor for Culture Justine Simons OBE, alongside backing from London & Partners, the GLA culture team and member institutions. The campaign also gained early media traction, with The Times featuring London Summer Shows in its weekly London newsletter.

Our impact

- International education embedded within the London Growth Plan
- A stronger, shared narrative positioning London as the Higher Education Capital of the World.
- Greater collaboration across London to support international students and strengthen the student experience.
- Stronger partnerships promoting London globally as a destination for study, research, innovation and investment.

What our partners say



“London’s universities help make the capital one of the best cities in the world to do business – driving innovation, attracting investment and developing the talent that powers growth. I’m delighted to join London Higher’s board and strengthen the link between higher education and London’s growth ambitions, ensuring the sector continues to play a central role in the city’s global success”

Laura Citron, Chief Executive of London & Partners



“We’re hugely proud that London is the world’s best city for culture and it’s the artists, performers, designers and creatives in our universities and colleges who will ensure the capital continues to thrive as a creative powerhouse. This summer’s graduate degree shows across the city are a brilliant opportunity for students to showcase their talent and for Londoners and visitors to see what’s next for our creative story”

London’s Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries,
Justine Simons OBE



Photo: Guildhall School of Music & Drama

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Advocate for London's higher education sector and its value to the UK and the world.

Throughout the year, we brought together London's higher education sector to influence national policy, funding and regulation, ensuring the capital's diverse institutions were represented in key debates affecting their future and during a period during which the Post-16 education and skills white paper was published.

Through evidence, consultation responses and direct engagement with government, regulators and sector bodies, we championed the contribution London's universities and colleges make to growth, innovation, culture and public services.

Highlights from the year:

› Influenced national policy and regulation.

We strengthened relationships with government, regulators and sector bodies, ensuring London's higher education sector was represented in key policy discussions.

- › Supported the Department for Education on academic standards policy and convened discussions on freedom of speech and sexual misconduct.
- › Brought senior officials from the Department for Education, Research England, UCAS and the Office for Students into member networks, strengthening dialogue between policymakers and institutions.

› Shaped the future of higher education funding

We coordinated member evidence to inform the Office for Students' early work on Strategic Priorities Grant reform, including funding for world-leading specialist provision, high-cost subjects and widening participation.

- › Convened members to develop a collective response, including specialist institutions and providers with high-cost provision which was welcomed by the OfS.
- › Demonstrated the unique importance of London's specialist institutions to the UK's creative economy and international competitiveness.

› Represented London's research community.

We worked closely with Research England and sector partners on REF 2029, to ensure London's diverse research strengths were reflected in discussions on REF 2029.

- › Ongoing and constructive engagement with Research England. London's perspective informed the decision to pause criteria-setting process.

› **Strengthened London's voice on quality and regulation.**

We coordinated member responses to consultations on the Future Quality System, postgraduate data and regulatory reform.

- » London Higher's evidence was reflected in the independent analysis of the OfS Future Quality System consultation.

› **Built the evidence for London's higher education sector.**

Through research, policy engagement and advocacy, we demonstrated the sector's contribution to growth, innovation, public services and culture.

Middlesex University of London



CASE STUDY

Towards a Regional Access Partnership

Our [thought leadership](#) and external engagement has built a cross-sector coalition of partners, including the GLA and Careers and Enterprise Company, who are now actively working with us and our members to develop a future [Regional Access Partnership](#) for the capital. The OfS has acknowledged the pioneering role we are playing nationally in implementing this new approach to collaborative widening participation work.

CASE STUDY

Influencing the future of quality regulation

The Office for Students' proposed reforms to quality regulation would have significant implications for London's higher education sector. Working closely with members, London Higher coordinated evidence and sector feedback to influence the development of the new framework.

Following the consultation, a number of important changes reflected positions advocated for by London Higher. The proposal for a single provider rating was dropped, providers were given greater scope to demonstrate measurable improvement activity, and institutions gained stronger opportunities to contextualise outcomes data in relation to their mission and student populations. The Office for Students also formally recognised limitations in existing postgraduate data, with London Higher's evidence cited in the independent analysis of consultation responses.

Our impact

- London's higher education sector represented in key national policy, funding and regulatory debates.
- London's specialist institutions and diverse provider landscape reflected in national policy discussions.
- Stronger relationships with government, regulators and sector bodies.
- Evidence from London's higher education sector informing decisions on funding, research and quality.

What our partners say



"We greatly value the role London Higher plays in bringing the sector together and shaping the conversations that matter most for higher education in the capital. The team has built real momentum by convening members around the issues that will define the future of our sector, while keeping a close eye on the horizon. Its work in convening members to discuss World Leading Specialist Funding, to help inform the Office for Students' thinking at an early stage and set out the case for the fund, is a powerful example of London Higher's ability to bring institutions together, strengthen the sector's collective voice and help shape the future of higher education in London"

Helen Slater, Interim Principal RADA



"We valued the opportunity to engage at the pre-consultation stage on the world leading specialist funding, in order to be in a position to influence and inform early. The London Higher meeting gave an opportunity to clearly articulate the importance of the funding to London. We appreciated the chance to spend time with members identifying the key points which need to be fed in."

Anthony Bowne, Principal, Trinity Laban



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Strengthen collaboration and collective impact across our sector and beyond.

Collaboration remains one of London's greatest strengths. Over the past year, we created new opportunities for institutions and partners to work together, share expertise and respond collectively to emerging challenges.

By convening leaders, practitioners and external partners, we strengthened collaboration across skills, health, widening participation and the creative industries, helping members achieve more together than they could alone.

Highlights from the year:

» Convened leaders to shape the future of London's higher education sector.

We created opportunities for institutional leaders and practitioners to share expertise and respond collectively to emerging challenges.

- » Launched the London Higher Leaders' Table, bringing Vice-Chancellors and senior leaders together to discuss strategic opportunities and challenges.
- » Convened 16 member networks across teaching, research, international, widening participation, access, and health and professional services.
- » Delivered the fifth year of our Global Majority Mentoring Programme.
- » Our AccessHE annual conference provided a space for members to think through how to align their widening participation work with policy priorities emanating from the Post-16 Education and Skills White Paper and the GLA's Inclusive Talent Strategy.

» Expanded collaborative partnerships in health, skills and the creative industries

We brought members and external partners together to strengthen workforce development, innovation and sector collaboration.

- » Continued to convene the London Medical Schools and London Healthcare Education Group, in partnership with NHS England.
- » Awarded collaborative project funding to improve clinical education across physiotherapy, pharmacy and care home rehabilitation.
- » Extended our partnership with the BFI Metro London Skills Cluster for a further three years.

› **Created more opportunities for learners across London.**

Through AccessHE and Uni Connect, we worked with members to improve access, participation and student success, particularly for under-represented groups.

- › Collaborative outreach programmes reached 891 learners, with 88% coming from areas of high deprivation.
- › Secured £90,000 from the Greater London Authority to expand higher education outreach through the Holiday Hope programme.

› **Strengthened collaboration to improve student success.**

We brought together practitioners to share expertise and develop collective approaches to widening participation and student support.

- › AccessHE's Practitioner Programme supported staff from across London's higher education sector to improve outcomes for students from under-represented groups.
- › Developed London's first ever city-wide Care Leaver Support Guarantee through our pan-London Care Experienced and Estranged Students Forum.
- › Supported members to co-design and deliver collaborative widening participation initiatives across London.

› **Strengthened regional and national partnerships.**

We worked with university networks and sector bodies across England to share learning, influence policy and strengthen collaboration beyond London.

- › Joint letter with GuildHE supporting inclusion of creative in LLE.
- › Joined the new regional university networks group Regional Network of Networks and UUK's Civic and Local Growth Network.

CASE STUDY

Strengthening London's screen skills ecosystem

Through our partnership with the BFI Skills Cluster for Metro London, we brought together universities, industry partners and students to strengthen London's screen skills pipeline. Following the extension of our partnership for a further three years, we delivered staff CPD, student masterclasses and networking events, while laying the foundations for new collaborative projects across the sector.

CASE STUDY

Convening London's Medical Schools

Through our London Medical Schools network, we brought together senior leaders to engage directly with NHS and public health decision-makers. Discussions with Kevin Fenton and NHS England helped ensure medical schools could contribute to the development of the London Health Plan and respond collectively to changing workforce and population health priorities.

CASE STUDY

Supporting innovation in London healthcare education

We awarded funding to three collaborative projects bringing together institutions across London to improve healthcare education and clinical placements. The projects will develop new approaches to physiotherapy training, pharmacy supervision and rehabilitation in care homes, helping prepare students for the changing needs of the health service.

CASE STUDY

Building capacity across London's widening participation community

Our Practitioner Programme for widening participation professionals built capacity across the London Higher membership to support six of the 13 priority 'at-risk' student groups listed in the Office for Students' regulatory framework for equality of opportunity. It reached 93 staff across 23 institutions in 2025-26 and its value as a peer network is evident in the fact that members now regularly seek early-stage advice with new WP projects via this community.

Our impact

- Stronger collaboration across London's higher education sector and with external partners.
- More opportunities for members to share expertise and address shared challenges collectively.
- New partnerships supporting skills, health, widening participation and the creative industries.
- London Higher recognised as a trusted convener, creating opportunities that no single institution could achieve alone.

What our partners say



"London Higher is a key convenor within London's creative economy, bringing together universities and colleges, industry partners and emerging talent to support the continued growth of film and television production across the city"

"We are delighted to continue our strategic partnership, working together to strengthen the skills pipeline and ensure London remains a world-leading destination for global production."

Adrian Wooton,
CEO of Film London



"As the lead HE provider for London Uni Connect, we have greatly valued working with London Higher to shape the next phase of this vital programme and ensure the infrastructure we put in place for collaborative outreach meets the future needs of London's HE sector and wider education ecosystem. London Higher's networks and convening power have been instrumental in bringing together a coalition of engaged partners, with whom we've developed a trailblazing model for regional collaboration, which we look forward to implementing in the coming year"

Professor Antony Moss,
Group Executive Director & Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students and Learners) at London South Bank University and Chair of London Uni Connect

Strengthening London Higher

To deliver greater value for our members, we have continued to strengthen London Higher as an organisation. This year we have refreshed our strategy, reviewed how we work and invested in the people, partnerships and systems that will enable us to deliver greater impact in the years ahead. As a small organisation, we remain focused on where we can make the greatest difference, ensuring every investment supports our members and strengthens our ability to convene, influence and champion London's higher education sector.

Highlights from the year:

- › **Launched a new strategy.**
We developed a clear strategic framework that reflects our members' priorities and focuses our work on where London Higher can have the greatest impact.
- › **Strengthened our governance.**
We welcomed new external Board members, bringing expertise from London's health and business communities and strengthening our strategic leadership and partnerships.
- › **Reviewed our operating model.**
We reshaped the organisation to align with our new strategy and ensure we can deliver sustainably in a challenging financial environment.
- › **Expanded corporate partnerships.**
We developed new relationships with organisations including Barclays and EY, creating opportunities to bring additional expertise, insight and in-kind support to our members.
- › **Invested in new systems and ways of working.**
We introduced a new customer relationship management (CRM) system and improved our internal processes to strengthen member engagement, improve insight and support more effective delivery.
- › **Developed our organisational culture.**
We introduced new organisational values and ways of working to support collaboration, continuous improvement and a culture focused on delivering excellent service for our members.

Looking ahead

The year ahead will bring further change for higher education. As institutions continue to respond to financial pressures, policy reform and evolving skills needs, collaboration will become more important than ever. London Higher will continue to focus on where we can make the greatest difference, bringing members together, strengthening partnerships across London and ensuring the capital's higher education sector has a strong and influential voice.

Our priorities for the year ahead include:

› **Strengthening London's influence.**

We will continue to support delivery of the London Growth Plan, the Mayor's Inclusive Talent Strategy and wider work on skills, innovation and growth. We will also support the development of Sector Talent Boards and continue working with partners to ensure higher education plays a central role in shaping London's future.

› **Building the evidence to influence policy.**

We will work to build better connections between researchers and policymakers, working with members, the GLA, London Councils and other partners as well as working together to develop robust evidence on London's contribution to the UK and strengthen our collective policy influence. Alongside this, we will continue to publish research and analysis that demonstrates the economic, social and civic value of London's higher education sector.

› **Championing London as the Higher Education Capital of the World.**

We will build on our international work by developing a coordinated welcome for international students, strengthening London's global narrative, expanding engagement with international alumni and delivering new campaigns that showcase London's higher education sector to audiences at home and abroad.

› **Creating new opportunities for collaboration.**

We will continue developing the Regional Access Partnership, expand our work across health and support collaborative initiatives that improve opportunities for learners across London. We will also strengthen partnerships across the creative industries through our work with Film London and the BFI's Metro London Skills Cluster, bringing institutions together to influence policy, strengthen industry links and champion the importance of specialist and creative education to London's economy.

› **Showcasing London's collective strengths.**

We will work with partners to maximise opportunities presented by major moments in London's calendar, including London Tech Week, Life Sciences Week and other city-wide initiatives as well as delivering our own communications campaigns, ensuring London's higher education sector is visible, connected and recognised as a key contributor to the capital's success.

› **Supporting our members through change.**

We will continue to invest in the networks, leadership forums and partnerships that help members navigate an evolving policy landscape, share expertise and respond collectively to emerging challenges. As preparations begin for the next Mayoral election and the wider policy environment continues to evolve, London Higher will ensure our members are well connected, well informed and well positioned to shape the future.

As always, our priorities will be shaped by our members.

We will continue to listen, convene and respond to the issues that matter most, helping our members achieve more together than any one institution could achieve alone.

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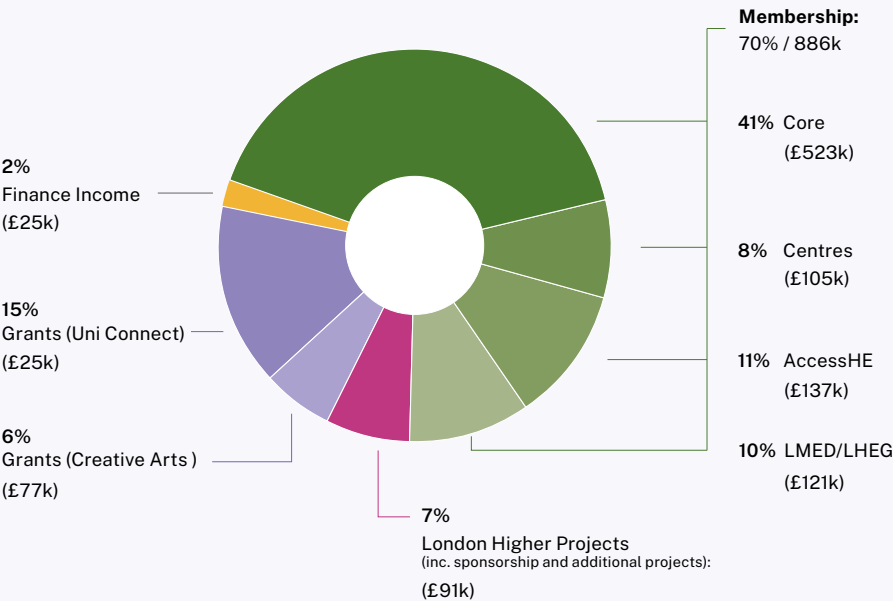
Financial report

We are grateful for support in 2025-26 from;

- Department for Education (UniConnect funding for AccessHE)
- NHS England (London Healthcare and Medical Education Groups)
- Film London (Screen Skills)
- Minerva (Global Majority Mentoring Programme)
- London Borough of Havering (AccessHE)

Forecast Income 2025 – 26

(*Based on May 2026 Management Accounts)



Total income: £1,266k

Forecast expenditure 2025-26

(*Based on April 2025 Management Accounts)

Expenditure	Amount	%
Direct Delivery	£309k	23%
Core networks	£79k	6%
Access HE	£74k	5%
LMED/LHEG	£64	5%
Uni Connect	£68k	5%
Creative Arts	£24k	2%
Governance	£32k	2%
Staff costs	£904k	65%
Overheads	£139k	10%
Total Expenditure	£1,384k	

