

LONDON FAST BECOMING A HOTSPOT FOR CRYPTO JOBS

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FULL TEXT

LONDON has been confirmed as a world leader in cryptocurrency after a jobs platform revealed the number of global employers currently hunting for staff in the crypto sector. The US, as expected, takes top spot in the amount of crypto vacancies - currently standing at 3,893 - but the UK is catching up fast with the second-highest number of advertised roles.

There are currently 954 crypto jobs waiting to be filled in the UK. And, while it may be almost three thousand shy of the US, it's some way ahead of Canada's 386 current vacancies in third spot.

Most of the UK's 954 digital asset roles are based in London - with the borough of Greenford in Ealing proving to be a magnate of crypto employment - but other areas outside the capital are offering cryptocurrency work opportunities.

Jobs website Glassdoor discovered Leeds, Bristol, Cambridge, Glasgow, Belfast, Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester were also thriving blockchain hubs.

In the US, the lion's share of crypto jobs were centred around New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles, with Chicago and Boston also registering high for DeFi employment.

Australia has also risen in the ranks - sitting fourth behind Canada - with a current total of 236 vacancies. Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane dominate the skills centres, with places like Perth, Adelaide and Canberra showing growing potential.

The top five job functions where crypto skills are most in-demand in the UK were found to be engineering, project management, information technology, marketing, finance and accounting.

London's rise as a cryptocurrency hub has been on the cards for years, according to one of the industry's leading employers.

"London has always been a tech and finance capital of the world for commerce, trading, finance, fundraising and now crypto and digital assets," said Jeff Hancock, cofounder and CEO of city-based Coinpass - an FCA-registered exchange with 44 employees. This time last year it had a staff of 18.

"Crypto is penetrating every sector of every market in a positive way and leading firms are only going to get hungrier for talent to continue to build innovative blockchain and crypto products.

"At Coinpass, we have a global reach and access to enormous international talent pool, but top quality applicants are pouring out of traditional banks, hedge funds, family offices and also university applying for positions in crypto companies before anywhere else."

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