

Digital Badging

START SHOWING YOUR SKILLS

Digital Badges are a simple way to acknowledge the value of your creative skills and experiences, and unlock opportunities to develop your portfolio further...

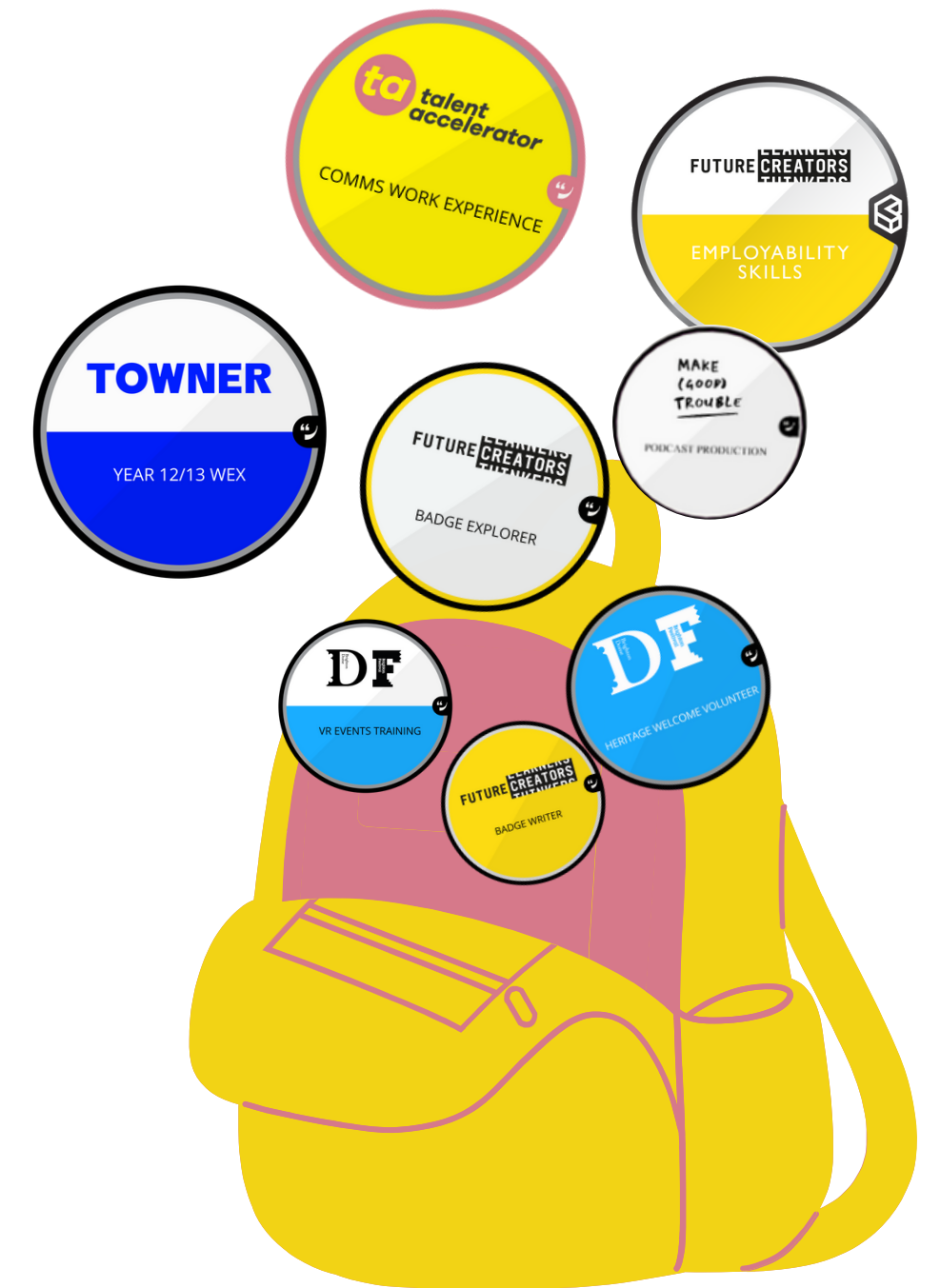
NB

We - The Coastal Catalyst programme run by Future Creators and Talent Accelerator.

You = The person earning the digital badge.

Badge application = A weblink and claim code shared by an activity provider who offers you a badge.

My Skills Backpack = A platform where you can create a profile to store your badges.



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What is a Digital Badge?

- 1** A smart and simple way of showing what you're learning from creative experiences.
- 2** An example of the language you can use in applications and interviews to explain the skills you've gained.
- 3** A visual tool to connect you to an organisation and proudly display on your website, email signature, LinkedIn profile, CV and more.
- 4** A way to reflect on your experience, explain your strengths, and stand out from the crowd with a professional portfolio of work.

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Digital Badges are more than just a picture to share. The visual part includes a logo and the badge name, but they also contain metadata that contains your name and what you did to earn it, plus it shares more about the organisation who gave it to you.



How do you earn badges?

At Coastal Catalyst we work with organisations who run activities like work experience, creative experiences and networking events that help you imagine, generate and innovate your own ideas.

We've previously issued badges for:



MAKE (GOOD) TROUBLE

PODCAST PRODUCTION



Podcast production workshops

A circular badge with a white top half and a pink bottom half. The top half contains the text "MAKE (GOOD) TROUBLE" in a handwritten style. The bottom half contains the text "PODCAST PRODUCTION" in a sans-serif font. Below the badge is a circular photograph showing two people in a recording studio setting, one holding a microphone. Below the photo is a yellow rounded rectangle containing the text "Podcast production workshops".



A+W
ADVENTURES+
WISDOM INSTITUTE

GAME CREATOR



Video game creation

A circular badge with a white top half and a yellow bottom half. The top half contains the logo "A+W" with "ADVENTURES+ WISDOM INSTITUTE" below it. The bottom half contains the text "GAME CREATOR" in a sans-serif font. Below the badge is a circular photograph showing hands holding a video game controller in front of a screen displaying a soccer game. Below the photo is a yellow rounded rectangle containing the text "Video game creation".




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COMMS WORK EXPERIENCE




Work experience placements

A circular badge with a yellow top half and a white bottom half. The top half contains the logo "ta talent accelerator" in a sans-serif font. The bottom half contains the text "COMMS WORK EXPERIENCE" in a sans-serif font. Below the badge is a circular photograph showing two people sitting at a desk with laptops, engaged in a discussion. Below the photo is a yellow rounded rectangle containing the text "Work experience placements".



Good Space

DYNAMIC SPEAKER



Speaking at events

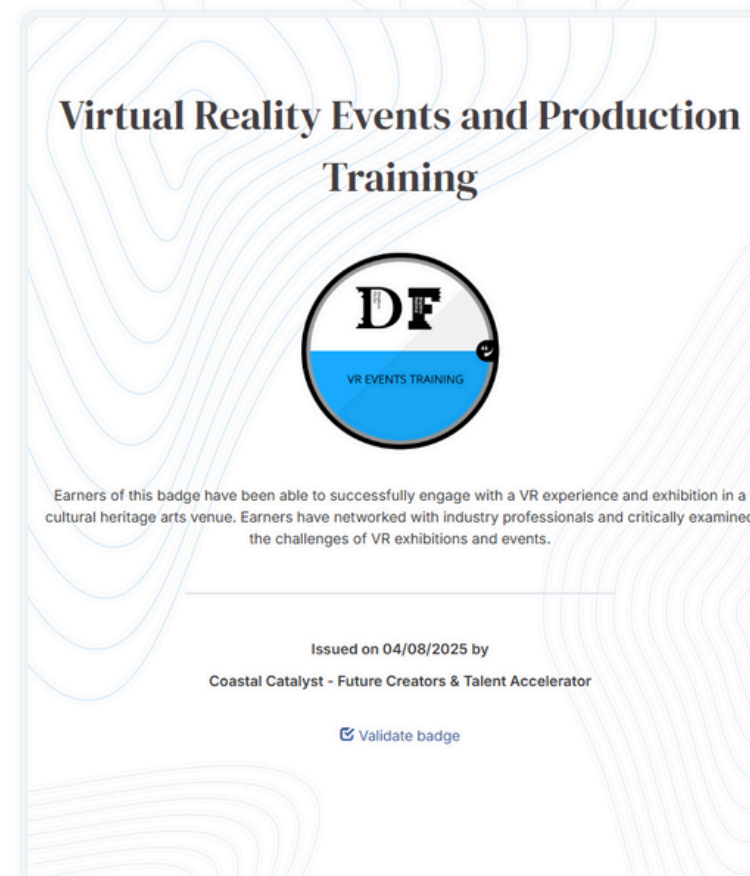
A circular badge with a black top half and a white bottom half. The top half contains the logo "Good Space" with a location pin icon. The bottom half contains the text "DYNAMIC SPEAKER" in a sans-serif font. Below the badge is a circular photograph showing a person standing on a stage, speaking to an audience. Below the photo is a yellow rounded rectangle containing the text "Speaking at events".

Example badges

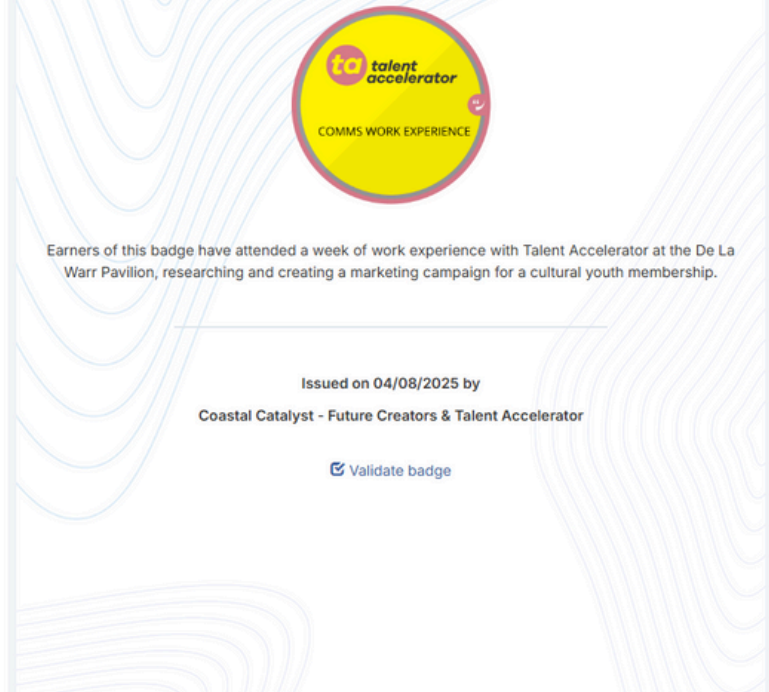


Engage in creative workshops

Take part in training sessions



Comms Work Experience



Organised work experience

My Skills Backpack and sharing your portfolio

My Skills Backpack is a place for storing and managing your badges and creating digital CVs.

The platform is free to access and you can build a shareable profile.

You have options to export your badge collection as a PDF for an easy CV, or you can simply use My Skills Backpack to remind yourself what you've done and reflect on your achievements!



So how do you get started?

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1
Follow Future Creators and Talent Accelerator for news.
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2
Take part in an activity that's part of our Coastal Catalyst programme.
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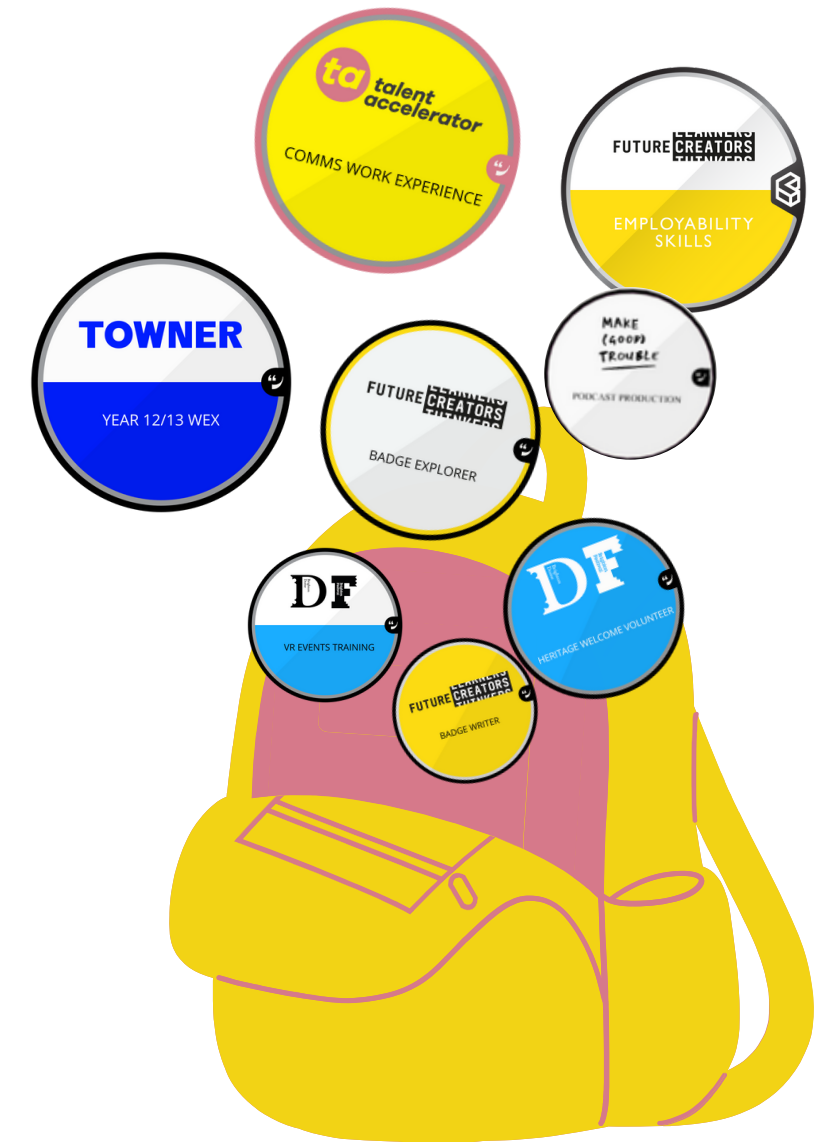
3
Collect your badge from the organisation running the activity.
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4
Build a profile on My Skills Backpack to store and display all your badges.
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Look out for opportunities to earn more badges with Coastal Catalyst!

The creative programmes and events run by Future Creators and Talent Accelerator already offer digital badges. You can find badged activities by following us on social media, or head to the [Future Creators](#) and [Talent Accelerator](#) websites, which are updated regularly with current activities.

Search Future Creators or Talent Accelerator on the [ERIC app](#), a platform that brings resources and opportunities together for young people. The app filters live opportunities, projects, vacancies, schemes and programmes tailored to your needs.



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