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Digital Badging

FOR SCHOOLS

For education beyond the academic, Digital Badges are a simple way to acknowledge non-academic achievement, help young people self-reflect and support them on alternative career pathways...

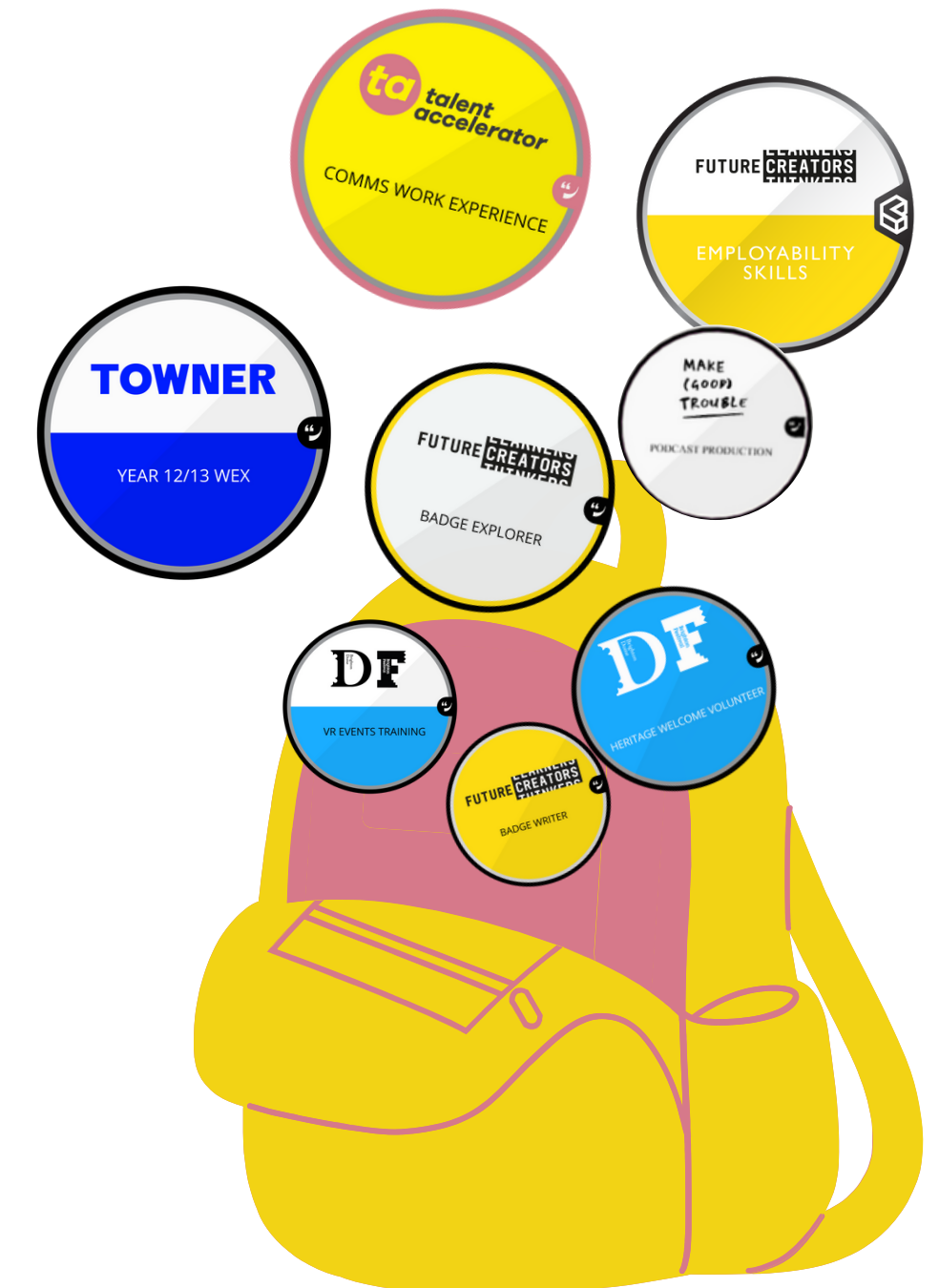
We - The Coastal Catalyst programme run by Future Creators and Talent Accelerators.

You = The school or individual issuing the badges.

Credwriter = The badge writing software.

Badge application = A link and claim code for earners to self-claim a badge.

My Skills Backpack = A platform where earners can create a profile to hold all their badges.



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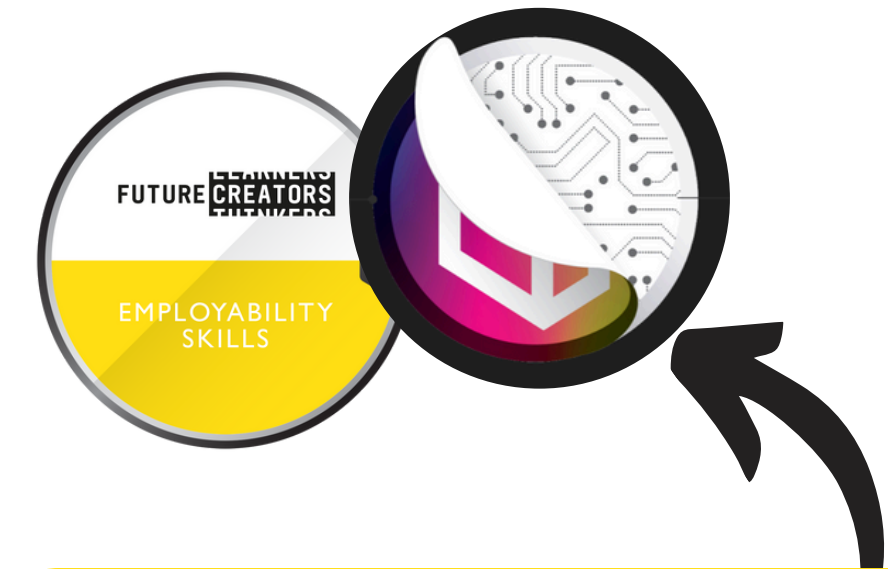
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What is a Digital Badge?



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

- 1** A smart, simple, and visual way of recognising non-accredited learning.
- 2** A useful tool for students to proudly display on their website, email signature, LinkedIn profile, and CV.
- 3** An effective and inexpensive way of providing alternative career support.
- 4** A simple website link accessible to anyone, globally.

How do they work?

Badges are created to acknowledge the value of experiences and activities that build skills outside of the classroom. At Coastal Catalyst we are particularly interested in activities that build creative skills to help young people imagine, generate and innovate your own ideas.

We've previously helped issue badges for:



Do young people want Digital Badges?

People who have received badges as part of the Cities of Learning initiative have told us the value they have to prove skills that aren't captured as part of a curriculum. We're now using them as part of the Coastal Catalyst, to help young people into creative employment across Sussex because badges give them:

1 A simple way of showing what they have learned and achieved outside of the classroom

2 An example of the language they can use to explain their experience to employers

3 A visual tool to proudly display their connection to a school or organisation

4 A way to self-reflect on their experience and stand out from the crowd with a professional portfolio of work



How can we help you start badging?

If you are based in the Sussex Coastal Corridor, we can help you start badging and offer different levels of support:

Which level of support might be right for you?

Badging Introduction - If you are new to Digital Badges and want to use it to develop your offer to students, this is where to start.

Independent Badging - If you are confident with writing and issuing badges, we can offer some admin support.

Co-designed Badges - This is good if you want to engage your students with badges and help them self-reflect on the potential for opportunities.

Alternative Work Experience - For schools wanting to work closely with the Coastal Catalyst network to create local opportunities.

My Skills backpack Workshops - A follow-on workshop for students with badges.

BADGING INTRODUCTION



Bespoke support to introduce your school to badging. We will help you identify activities to badge, support you with badge writing and selecting Badging Standards. Plus we can offer support to engage your students with Digital Badging.

INDEPENDENT BADGING



Get free access and training for the Credwriter badge writing platform, with unlimited badge writing included and ongoing quality assurance to support your independent badging of extra-curricular activities.

CO-DESIGNED BADGES

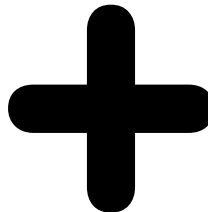


We work with selected students to co-design badges that help them to focus on the skills they want to develop. Sessions can focus on identifying opportunities already available in the school setting, or identifying opportunities with network partners.

ALTERNATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE



Develop pathways and opportunities through badged work experience with local creatives and businesses. We can help you build relationships to provide experiences that follow-on from school-based badge earning.



PORTFOLIO BUILDING WORKSHOPS



We can offer students workshops and training for the My Skills Backpack. This platform stores and displays badges, and can be used to create portfolios and design CVs with badge information.

The benefits of badging with Coastal Catalyst

No matter which level of support is right for you, as part of the Coastal Catalyst network you get:



FREE access and training on Credwriter



Access to a library of example badges



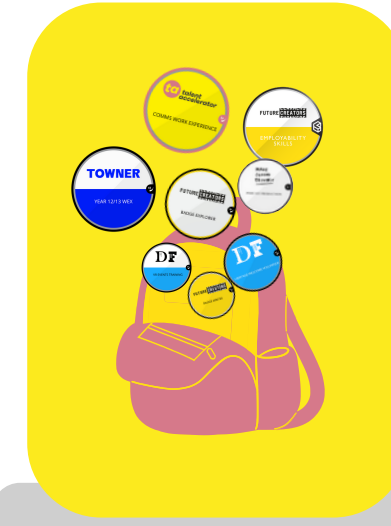
Creation of your branded visual badge templates



Ongoing admin support



Impact data on the badges you issue



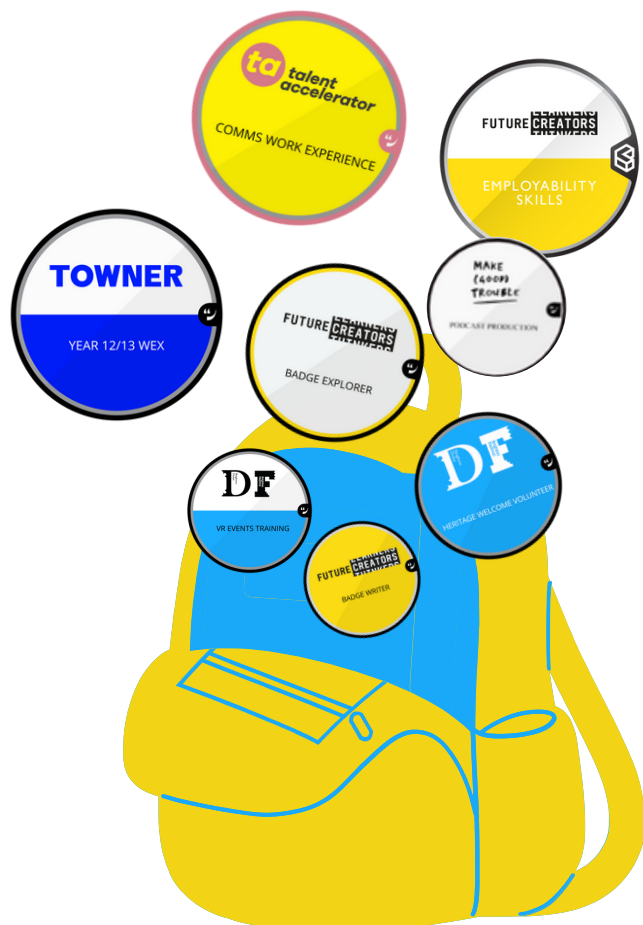
Resources to introduce young people to badges and My Skills Backpack



The opportunity to promote your badge to other young people

So how do you get started?

Getting setup to issue Digital Badges is quick and simple. When you sign up to the Coastal Catalyst Network make sure you tick the box to say you are interested in badging and our Digital Badge Coordinator, Francesca, will be in touch to discuss how we can support you to get started!



Have questions? Check out the FAQs on the Future Creators website resources or email badging@futurecreators.org.uk

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