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Posted by *AnnieM* on August 17, 2010

The London Borough of Camden stretches from Hampstead Heath to the North, Kentish Town to the East, West Hampstead to the West and part of Covent Garden to the South. In the first in the series of our all-new 'Focus-on' section of the weekly blog, we take a look at the Camden area and find out what it's like to work in the region.

We asked Shabnum Din, who works in the Camden Parking Services team what she thinks of working in Camden. She said: "Camden is a real people-orientated culture. People are at the heart of everything we do. We focus entirely on our customers, whether they are members of the public, colleagues or business owners. There is a good sociable atmosphere and lots of things to do. "She added: "It's certainly a lot more innovative and forward thinking than any other borough. I'd recommend that anyone thinking of working in Camden should visit our website or visit [Jobsgopublic.com](http://Jobsgopublic.com) and apply for some of our vacancies. We are always looking at ways to improve how we work so we value any feedback people give us."

For those Youtube lovers out there, you may enjoy watching a selection of videos made by the London Borough of Camden which discuss what it's like to work for the council as well as focusing in on specific areas within the borough such as Hampstead, Kilburn and Bloomsbury. So grab a cup of tea, sit back and enjoy. And afterwards, why not check out some of our [jobs in the Camden area](#)?

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## **[The public sector – still open for business.](#)**

Posted by *AnnieM* on August 10, 2010

In some ways the public sector jobs market looks grim. According to a Labour Market Outlook [survey carried out by the Chartered Institute of Professional Development \(CIPD\) and management consultancy firm KPMG](#), one third of public sector employers have said they are making redundancies within the next three months.

Compared with the private sector which is expecting a steady increase in recruitment campaigns, the public sector recruitment cuts is set to affect nearly eight per cent of the workforce.

But let's get things in perspective: the public sector is still very much open for business – what affects one side of the workforce will affect the other. The private sector is dependant on the public sector and vice versa. There is still a demand for social workers and social carers. We still need teachers and paramedics. Police officers, library staff and charity fundraisers are still very much required. So whilst there will inevitably be a reduction in public sector recruitment, it will not halt all together. Don't let the bad news put you off from your public sector job search. You may need to widen your career horizons a bit and become a little more flexible in the types of jobs you are wanting and in the areas you are looking, but take heart: Jobsgopublic is as busy as ever, (and August is meant to be our 'quiet period'!) and the busier we are the better – it means we have hundreds more jobs to upload for you. Here is a small selection of the types of jobs we have out there....

**Pre entry level**[Servery Assistant at the Bourne School](#)

Location: Farnham, Surrey.

Experience: None required.

Salary: £13,251

The role: Assist with serving up to 200 meals a day.

Closing Date: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

**Graduate**[Trainee Valuer](#)

Location: Wokingham Borough Council

Experience: RICS accredited degree in Estate Management.

Salary: £22,000

The role: To assist with the valuing and management of the council's commercial properties.

Closing Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

**Junior**[HR Assistant](#)

Location: Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Experience: Previous experience in a HR environment with knowledge of payroll. NVQ Level 3/equivalent HR qualification is highly desirable.

Salary: £16,900-£18,090.

The role: Provide HR support within the department.

Closing Date: August 20<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**Senior**[Senior Residential Care Worker](#)

Location: Nottinghamshire County Council

Experience: Applicants must be over 22 with experience of working with children and adults with disabilities. Knowledge of social work techniques with good communication and leadership skills.

Salary: £21,244-£23,405

The role: To supervise and work in a team of professional staff who are caring for children and young people.

Closing Date: August 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

## **Managerial**

### [Children's Home Manager](#)

Location: Coronation Avenue Children's Home, Derby

Experience: Qualified manager with a thorough understanding of how to care for and look after young people. Excellent leadership skills and experience of supervising staff.

Salary: £30,851-£33,661

The role: Supervise and lead a team of residential staff in a six-bedded children's home.

Closing Date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August

## **Director**

### [Director of Communities](#)

Location: South Norfolk Council

Experience: Appropriate qualifications (DMS, MBA etc), track record of commitment to continuing professional development.

Salary: £70,000

The role: To maintain service standards and stability in the day-to-day service delivery, in setting and maintaining service levels across South Norfolk Council and contributing to the vision and direction to transform services.

Closing Date: August 20<sup>th</sup> 2010.

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## **[A letter from the Prime Minister](#)**

Posted by *AnnieM* on August 03, 2010

In an attempt to soften the blow as the cuts axe falls over the public sector, Prime Minister David Cameron and Deputy Nick Clegg have written a [joint letter](#) to cabinet ministers in an attempt to raise morale within Government departments.

The letter, which reminds ministers of the need for 'deficit reduction' comes amidst tense discussions around the Spending Review.

It mentions reversing ‘decades of over-centralisation’ and giving control back to ‘individuals, families and communities’. Crucially, the letter warns that tough decisions would need to be made as part of the Spending Review but these would be necessary ‘to equip Britain for long-term success’.

The letter finishes: “This is the purpose of our government in one sentence: putting power in the hands of communities and individuals and equipping Britain for long-term success. Over the course of the Spending Review we need you to ensure that this purpose is felt across your departments. Whatever the options on the table, whatever the decision to be made, the same questions must be asked: will it put more power in people’s hands?”

Government departments will no doubt be bracing themselves for these ‘necessary’ cuts, even if it is under the guise of ‘reform’. Going hand in hand with these cuts is the announcement that nearly [three hundred advertising and marketing jobs at the Central Office of Information \(COI\) are to be slashed](#) as part of the Government’s efficiency drive. Expect more such announcements as the Spending Review gets under way.

Alternatively, ignore all this doom and gloom and get straight down the [job hunting business](#).

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