

# [My role at the 2019 youth justice convention](#)

News story

We catch up with Taylor and Kaynno, Peer Support Navigators working at the charity Youth Ink.



[Youth Ink](#) is an innovative involvement charity that works with children and young people in and around the justice system. They were involved in helping us shape the 2019 [youth justice convention](#) and are among our network of stakeholders. [Click here](#) to find out more about our stakeholder groups, including how to get involved.

Taylor said:

“Being a part of the YJB was a great experience for me and working at Youth Ink has changed my life.

“It has allowed me to meet with a group of people that I wouldn’t have thought possible, for a young man like me. I feel as though my voice is important and that the opinion of my community is important. It was a great experience going to the YJB convention and being able to run my own workshop with colleagues, it is something I will never forget.”

Kaynno said:

“This was my first experience of being involved in anything like this I did not even know that I could be part of the YJB because I am young black person who has had a lot of experience with the police and youth offending teams (YOTs).

“When I was asked to join Youth Ink I didn’t know anything about it apart from it was led by young people like me from my community and the person who created Youth Ink was an ex-offender, the same as me, that’s what drew me to Youth Ink. I learned that by being part of Youth Ink I was able to get my voice heard and help other people my community, like my brothers. I am 20

years old and had never had a job. This was my first proper job and I didn't know I had the experience to work with police, the YJB and YOTs. I didn't know that my lived experience was valuable.

"In 2019 I attended the Youth Justice Convention I was on the main stage discussing my experience and how we can support other young people like me. It felt brilliant that so many people were willing to hear me and that it mattered. I also led my own workshop, it was a brilliant experience and an opportunity to meet so many people and all my colleagues supported me. Andrew the boss of Southwark Youth Offending Service said, 'Thank you'. That made me smile when I spoke to my family about my job involving working with YOTs and the police. They are very proud of me because I am no longer in 'that life'."

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## [UK takes major step towards membership of Trans-Pacific free trade area](#)

The UK has taken a major step in the process of joining CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership), one of the world's largest and most dynamic free trade areas.

International Trade Secretary, Liz Truss, alongside the current chair of the CPTPP Commission, Mexican Economy Minister Graciela Márquez, opened discussions between senior UK trade officials and Chief Negotiators from all 11 members of the Partnership to discuss potential UK accession.

This is the first time the UK has met with Chief Negotiators from all 11 members of the Partnership to discuss UK accession, and the first time CPTPP members have had such a discussion with a country seeking membership since the Partnership was created in 2018.

The UK held preparatory conversations with all CPTPP members. If the UK decides to apply, it will enter into a formal accession negotiation with all member states.

This meeting follows major progress in negotiations between the UK and Japan, the beginning of negotiations with Australia and New Zealand, and the resumption of negotiations with Canada, as the UK looks to focus on trade with the dynamic Asia-Pacific region. CPTPP membership also provides an opportunity to expand trade links with key partners in the Americas.

Liz Truss, International Trade Secretary, said:

Joining CPTPP would send a powerful signal to the rest of the world

that Britain is prepared to work with countries who champion free and fair trade.

Membership would bring new opportunities for our go-getting businesses, more choice for our consumers, and provide us with greater economic security. Strategically, it would help us forge closer ties with the wider Pacific region and put us in a stronger position to reshape global trading rules alongside countries who share our values.

The UK aims to join CPTPP because membership will:

- Help put the UK at the centre of a network of free trade deals with dynamic economies – making us a hub for international businesses trading with the rest of the world.
- Put us in a stronger position to reshape global rules and drive reform at the WTO
- Boost our economic security – hitching the UK to one of the world's largest free trade areas. An advanced agreement full of countries who are committed to the rules of international trade
- Make us more resilient to future crises by diversifying our trade and supply chains

The free trade area removes tariffs on 95% of goods traded between its members, which could reduce costs for businesses and create new economic opportunities for UK exporters. Since 2009 trade between the UK and CPTPP countries has grown on average by 6% every year and was worth over £112bn in 2019.

Wilson Del Socorro, Global Director of Government Affairs at Diageo, said:

We welcome the UK's ambition to join the CPTPP as part of its broader strategy to unlock international trade and investment opportunities for British business. We are excited by the growth opportunities that this trade deal will help unlock over the long-term where tackling import tariffs and improving the broader regulatory environment are key priorities for a number of markets.

Diageo already has significant presence and scale in many of the countries represented in this Agreement and we look forward to this Agreement creating stronger economic ties with the UK. For instance, in Mexico – a key export destination for Scotch whisky – we are the largest international spirits player directly employing over 1,200 people across a number of production sites and offices in the country. We are also market leaders in the fast-growing premium and super premium tequila category with our acquisition of Tequila Don Julio in 2015, Casamigos in 2017 and Pierde Almas 2018.

Willian Santos, International Sales Manager at ABI Electronics, said:

We thoroughly support the UK government's initiative to join CPTPP. For nearly 40 years, ABI products have been supporting businesses across the region. From the textile industry in Peru and Aerospace in Malaysia to the toy manufacturer LEGO in Mexico and automotive conglomerates and Japan. In fact, it was from Malaysia that ABI's first international order came from in 1986.

Becoming part of CPTPP will certainly encourage other British manufacturers to follow ABI's footsteps leading to a transformational export journey.

The partnership includes ambitious agreements on digital trade, data, financial, professional, and business services, all of which are areas where the UK is a global leader and stands to benefit from more trade.

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## **Digital Secretary launches National Data Strategy at London Tech Week's Global Leaders Innovation Summit**

Hello, and welcome to London Tech Week.

I'm delighted to be opening the Global Leaders Innovation Summit here from the Ocado warehouse in Erith.

I've chosen to give this speech here because it's home to a very special operation – and it's a great example of the way digital technology has transformed our lives in recent years, and especially in the last few months.

As I'm speaking, 4,000 robots are whizzing back and forth over a huge grid system behind me, communicating to one another through a bespoke network.

In a single day, collectively these bots travel four times around the world.

Their job is to dash to a crate of groceries, and carry it to a pick station, where either another robot or a human picks out the items to put a shopper's trolley together – using an algorithm to work out which order to pack the bags in, so that nothing gets squashed. Those bags are packed into a van and shipped to your door – and indeed mine!

This is a very modern business at work. And what drives this entire

operation? Data.

From the moment a customer orders a delivery on the app, to the point at which grocery bags arrive on their doorstep – Ocado’s system relies on reams of digital information being sent back and forth, between the customer and the packing robots and the warehouse and the drivers.

Forget oil. The fuel of our modern economy, the thing that greases the wheels of production – is data. Data is now one of the most valuable commodities in the world, and I want to make sure that the UK is in a position to enjoy all the opportunities it has to offer.

Data hasn’t just provided an economic shot in the arm for thousands of businesses like Ocado. In an increasingly digital world, it powers our personal lives – from the apps we use for personal budgeting and managing our exercise regimes, to online banking.

And data can help us solve a range of societal problems, too.

Nothing has illustrated that better than the pandemic. Data has been one of our most powerful and versatile weapons against coronavirus.

And as the country hunkered down at home, data helped hospitals track the movement of vital medical equipment, and send ventilators where they were most needed. Data kept our supermarket shelves stocked, and services like Ocado sent groceries to the doorsteps of those most vulnerable to the pandemic – allowing them to shield in safety.

As we gradually began reopening the country, public health experts have used data to predict and flag second spikes in the disease, and to monitor the traffic on our roads.

The pandemic has shown us just how much we can achieve when we can share high-quality data quickly and efficiently.

And I don’t intend to let that lesson go to waste.

And now that data is the driving force behind the world’s economies, I want to make sure that British businesses are in a position to make the most of that digital revolution.

So today I am publishing a new National Data Strategy – an ambitious, pro-growth declaration of intent for the use of data in the UK over the next few years.

One that seeks to maintain the high watermark set during coronavirus, where we were able to use data quickly, efficiently and ethically to combat an unprecedented global pandemic.

That strategy is a call to arms on a number of key fronts:

It aims to make data available across the economy, so that companies and civil society organisations large and small can use it to innovate,

experiment and expand their operations. Crucially, it aims to do so in a way that continues to protect citizens' privacy and rights. Whenever we use data, we want to ensure we do so ethically and responsibly.

It calls for a regulatory regime that maintains high standards but doesn't place unnecessary burdens on the average business. Right now, a small business that wants to get online and make the most of data faces all sorts of rules and regulations – on data protection, on online communications, on cookie permissions. It can be baffling for the average business. Of course, it is important to have some rules in place to protect people's privacy. The trust of consumers is crucial for our digital economy. But those rules should be proportionate, and clear enough for businesses to be able to follow.

It means positioning the UK as a global champion of data use, and encouraging the international flow of data across borders.

And it calls for a radical transformation of the way the government uses and shares its own data, to improve a range of public services. This process will be driven from the centre and cut right across the entire government. It will strengthen the accountability of departments, put citizens at the heart of the government's digital and data transformation, and make sure government itself has the right digital expertise.

That drive for expertise in government starts right at No.10, who I'm pleased to announce will be offering up to ten fellowships each year to attract world class tech talent into the heart of government.

The program is inspired by the U.S. Presidential Innovation Fellowship, which boasts the co-founder of the Earth Genome Project as just one of its many esteemed participants.

Those fellows will sit within the No 10, and the Government Digital Service and use their unique skills to contribute to the kind of fulfilling challenging projects that only the public sector can offer – ones that have a huge impact on society as a whole.

Let me just give you one real-life example of the things that can be achieved if we think big about data.

It involves something that is pretty fundamental to all of our lives: the way we bank. For years and years, the big banks were the ones who controlled the use of customers' personal data.

But then the government and businesses rolled out Open Banking, handing control of that personal data back to the customers themselves. They were able to share their data with third parties like start-ups, and shop around for a better deal.

Firms such as Tully are now able to analyse data quickly and accurately to help customers manage their debt. Another, Canopy, helps consumers track their rental payments to improve their credit score.

We want to take the same approach with energy, telecoms, pensions. To give

customers the power to use their own data to find a better telephone tariff, and open the doors to disruptors in every part of the marketplace.

Data can make us a nation of Martin Lewises, running our own deal-seeking, money-saving operations from the comfort of our own living rooms.

Smart Data is just one part of the strategy, the full version of which has been published on GOV.UK today. And it's only the beginning of the conversation.

But it's time to shift the way we talk and think about data.

From a threat to be guarded against, to an opportunity to be embraced.

From something companies and governments can sometimes worry about using to something we have to justify not using.

Because data not only helps us get our groceries quicker and grow our economy, it improves and saves lives. And we all have an obligation to make the most of using it.

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## [Turkey applications for 2021/22 Chevening Scholarships are open](#)

Chevening is the UK government's international awards programme aimed at developing global leaders.

Funded by the The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and partner organisations, Chevening offers two types of award – Chevening Scholarships and Chevening [Fellowships](#) – the recipients of which are personally selected by British embassies and High Commissions throughout the world.

Chevening offers a unique opportunity for future leaders, influencers, and decision-makers from all over the world.

Chevening provides fully-funded scholarships, leaving you free to focus on achieving your academic goals and enjoying the experience of a lifetime. You will live and study in the UK for a year, during which time you will develop professionally and academically, grow your network, experience UK culture, and build lasting positive relationships with the UK.

Applicants from Turkey can choose any course of study at any UK higher education institution.

If you have ambition, leadership potential, and a strong academic background, we encourage you to apply before 3 November 2020.

## **Chevening award in Turkey includes:**

- university tuition fees (Chevening applies a tuition fee cap of £18,000 to MBA programmes)
- a monthly living allowance
- travel costs to and from the UK
- an economy class return airfare to the UK
- additional grants and allowances to cover essential expenditure

## **To be eligible for a Chevening Scholarship you must:**

- be a citizen of a Chevening-eligible country or territory
- return to your country of citizenship for a minimum of two years after your award has ended
- have completed all components of an undergraduate degree that will enable you to gain entry onto a postgraduate programme at a UK university by the time you submit your application. This is typically equivalent to an upper second-class 2:1 honours degree in the UK but may be different depending on your course and university choice
- have at least two years (equivalent to 2,800 hours) of work experience
- apply to three different eligible [UK university courses](#) and have received an unconditional offer from one of these choices by 15 July 2021

\*The Chevening English language requirement has been removed for applicants applying to study from 2020/2021 onwards. Candidates will still need to meet all requirements from their chosen university and secure an unconditional offer from one of their three course choices by the Chevening deadline.

## **You are not eligible for a Chevening Scholarship if you:**

- hold British or dual British citizenship (unless you are a citizen of a British Overseas Territory or hold BN(0) and are applying from Hong Kong)
- hold refugee status in a non-Chevening eligible country. Applicants who are citizens of a Chevening-eligible country and who hold refugee status in a Chevening-eligible country are eligible for a scholarship
- are an employee, a former employee, or relative\* of an employee (since July 2017) of Her Majesty's Government (including British embassies/high commissions; the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy; Department for International Trade; the Ministry of Defence; and the Home Office), or a staff member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities
- employees, former employees, or relatives\* of an employee (since July 2017) of Chevening Partner organisations are eligible to apply, but cannot receive a Chevening Partner Award from the organisation from which they work, previously worked, or are affiliated with through



relatives

- have previously studied in the UK with funding from a UK Government-funded scholarship

## How to apply?

All applications for a Chevening Award must be made through the Chevening designated online application system, which can be accessed through [this page](#)

If you have a question related to Chevening Scholarships and Fellowships applications please visit the [frequently asked questions page](#).

Chevening Scholarship applications will close on 3 November 2020 at 12:00 UK time.

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