

Developing Suffolk Talent



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Welcome to our e-bulletin which is designed to give you timely updates on the work of the Skills Team and key developments across the region and nationally. It is our plan to send you this bulletin at monthly intervals, so please feel free to give us feedback on what you would find useful.

If you would like further information on any of the projects or issues below you are welcome to email skills@suffolk.gov.uk and we will get you in touch with the relevant staff member.



Dear colleagues,

We hope that you are remaining safe and well

If you have any comments, observations or feedback you would like to share with us please feel free to let us know via skill@suffolk.gov.uk.

The Skills Team

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CV-19 Response Announcements



Chancellors Announcement

Apprenticeships, Traineeships, investment in the National Careers Service, and a new 'Kickstart Scheme' are the crucial elements of a new '[Plan for Jobs](#)' announced by the Chancellor, the Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, as part of his Economic Statement.

He also introduced a Job Retention Bonus, funding for Sector-Based Work Academy placements and to increase DWP Work Coaches.

The full speech can be read [here](#)

Suffolk County Council, alongside many stakeholders are now looking at how we can utilise this pledged investment to mitigate negative impact and maximise the positive outcomes for Suffolk residents.

Suffolk Principles & Information schools for September 2020

SCC have produced new principles and information to support Suffolk schools and settings in planning for COVID-19 pandemic response to opening to all children in September 2020 and a new local authority risk assessment / checklist template.

This document is intended to support school and setting leaders in preparing, finalising and using risk assessments to inform planning to respond to government information and ambition about all schools and settings being open to all children and young people in September. The information contained in the document links directly to the most recent government guidance

- [Suffolk Principles and Planning Support for September 2020 \(PDF\)](#)

There is a new local authority risk assessment / checklist template that you can use, to guide you through the process of evaluating your hazards and risks for the full opening. Please contact the Schools' Health and Safety Advisor at nina.bickerton@suffolk.gov.uk with any queries.

The link is:

- [Risk Assessment](#)

Other useful links:

- [Latest News and Alerts](#)
- [COVID-19](#)



New Anglia Careers Hub expands to help support COVID-19 recovery

In a recent announcement by the Department for Education and The Careers & Enterprise Company, it was confirmed that New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership have been successful in their bid to expand the existing Careers Hub.

The Careers Hub covers both Norfolk and Suffolk and the expansion means it will increase from 32 secondary schools and colleges in Ipswich and Norwich including the A140 corridor to 130 secondary schools and colleges across both counties.

Thanks to this extension all secondary schools and colleges in Norfolk and Suffolk will now have the opportunity to join the Careers Hub, in a move aimed at transforming careers education and supporting skills for the Covid-19 recovery.

For examples of how the Enterprise Adviser Network and Careers Hub has supported schools to inspire young people and prepare them for the future of work click [here](#).

If you have any questions or are keen to get involved in supporting young people in your area, please get in touch by contacting New Anglia Careers Hub Manager, Glen Todd at glen.todd@newanglia.co.uk

Project Updates

Additional funding awarded to

East of England
OFFSHORE WIND SKILLS CENTRE

The New Anglia Skills Deal programme are delighted to confirm the award of additional funding to enable this innovative and

award winning project, delivered by East Coast College and Scottish Power Renewables, to continue to train, upskill and prepare local people to work in the Offshore Wind Industry.

The centre will deliver several courses, matched to local industry need as part of a wider coherent and coordinated offer for the energy sector.

For more details please go to the [website](#) or contact the Project Coordinator on OWSC@eastcoast.ac.uk

Work Well Suffolk

Do you know someone who could benefit from our support?

Visit our website <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/work-well-suffolk/> or email us a question to workwellsuffolk@suffolk.gov.uk



WORK WELL SUFFOLK

Coaching Training Mentoring Employment

To support and deliver bespoke coaching, training, mentoring and steps into employment and Self-employment across Suffolk

The Work Well Suffolk team will

- Support you to engage with education, training, employment and Self-employment
- Improve employment opportunities
- Promote independence, choice and wellbeing
- Empower you to remove barriers to employment
- Encourage you to participate in work related activities

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Coaching Training Mentoring Employment

WORK WELL SUFFOLK

We can help if you:

- are 18 years +
- are unemployed / economically inactive
- have a long term health condition
- have barriers to learning / employment
- have poor mental health / autism / learning disabilities

For more information speak to one of our Navigators in:

- Waveney & East Suffolk: Alan Gadney | 07784 360829
- Ipswich: Wendy Frost | 07784 360831
- West Suffolk: Robyn Cardy | 07784 010650

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Adult Learning Service Newsletter | Issue No 3

“Bird boxes to twig tiaras, no skill too small with support from staff to achieve it. My zoom group has given me a focus for the week during these dire times. Having a project to think about with others has been invaluable. It is keeping me on track, holding me up and I can still see a positive future when the world begins to breathe again. Please help to keep this

going as staff are working very hard with everyone to keep them engaged. The innovations being used will be used well into the future now." ALS Learner

Read more about what our learners say in **Issue No 3** of the Adult Learning Service, now available and **attached to this email.**



Apprenticeships News

The [latest newsletter](#) from the Apprenticeships Suffolk Team is now available on their [website](#).



Vacancy: Enterprise Coordinator Ipswich Opportunity Area

New Anglia Local Enterprise Network are looking for an individual with a passion for building links between education and business to join the team of Enterprise Coordinators.

The Enterprise Coordinator will help schools and colleges improve their careers education programmes by recruiting secondary schools and colleges in the Ipswich Opportunity Area into the Enterprise Adviser Network. We aim to match each school and college with at least one employer who is recruited as an Enterprise Adviser and give them the necessary support to achieve the Gatsby Benchmarks.

For full details click [here](#)

Applications close 24th July 2020



The Team at **icanbea...** have a **range of exciting online resources available now** to help young people get inspired about their future careers and even have local vacancies for apprenticeships and more.

In particular, the [Careers Wizard](#) is a fun way to help young people decide what careers might suit them and focus on the areas they want to research based on their own skills and interests.

The [Virtual Tours](#) give them the chance to explore the workplaces of some key employers and the icanbea... ['how to'](#) guide gives full support for students and parents working their way through the site, thinking about potential next steps through education to employment.

Free Kooth webinars for staff & professionals, parents/carers



Find out how 'Kooth', the online counselling and emotional wellbeing service supports children and young people's mental health in Suffolk!

- **Kooth webinars for staff and professionals:**
Wednesday, 15 July, 2pm | To register complete this form:
<https://forms.gle/BQsrvQwUJGxLocxYA>
To join on Zoom use this link: <https://zoom.us/j/91638243123>

- **Kooth webinar for parents/carers:**
Tuesday 14th July 3.30pm, join on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92191112999>
This webinar gives an overview to parents/carers about how the 'Kooth' service can support their child or young person's emotional health, and includes helpful hints and tools to help engage your child in talking about their thoughts and feelings.

EdTech Demonstrator Programme



West Suffolk College have have been appointed as one of the government's EdTech Demonstrator Schools in order to support other schools with digital training. The attached flyer provides some information on forthcoming events, however, they can also support schools in a bespoke, one to one nature or in small groups. Find our more details on their website: <https://www.wsc.ac.uk/about-the-college/edtech-demonstrator>

Get into Digital Communication – FREE online employment course

**Are you aged 18-30, living in the East of England?
Not in education, employment or training?**



- Learn important industry skills in Digital Communication
- Create and lead on a real 'social project'
- Take a look at; digital publishing, journalism, photography, editing and website management
- Improve your teamwork, communication skills and confidence
- Self-employment support and advice available at the end of the programme
- Doesn't affect your benefits and up to 6 months mentoring support!

The Prince's Trust, in partnership with WuWo Media, are offering a FREE online employment course, which gives young people a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills within the Digital Communication industry.

Monday, 20 July – Thursday, 31 July 2020 | Limited places

To join the course email Chris.Laing@princes-trust.org.uk (there will be phone interviews prior to the programme start date)

'Spare for AIR – Donations of any unwanted smart phones wanted!

Do you have a spare SMARTPHONE?

We are appealing for donations of unneeded, working smartphones. These will be repurposed to help users access their online AIR courses.

#SpareForAir



WORKING TOGETHER



The Greenlight Trust together with East of England Coop are appealing for donations of unneeded, working smartphones. These will be repurposed to help users access their online AIR courses.

Go to the [website](#) to find out more.

Events

A virtual event
with something
for everyone!



Science, Engineering
and Innovation for
the next generation

Saturday 11 July 2020

STEMtastic LIVE event on 11 July 2020

This year, the celebration of STEM will be held on **Saturday 11 July ONLINE** as West Suffolk College's first STEMtastic LIVE! Marty Jopson will be delivering a Live session to start the day, which will include sessions for primary, secondary and teacher CPD.

The virtual event will involve interactive exhibits from local companies and industries, engaging workshops and high-impact shows, **with a particular focus on highlighting the 'hidden STEM' in our everyday lives.**

Some of the sessions are live and interactive, while others will be pre-recorded.

All sessions will be recorded on the day and will then be added to our upcoming STEMtastic LIVE webpage to create a lasting legacy.

To find out more and book sessions go to <https://stem.wsc.ac.uk/stemtastic/>



Suffolk Skills & Careers Festival 2020 Update

The organising committee led by Suffolk Agricultural Association and including Suffolk County Council and New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership have considered the feasibility of holding a face to face, large scale event for employers and young people and determine for a number of reasons it would not be possible at this time.

Whilst we are understandably disappointed, we recognise just how hard this year has already been for our educators and employers and do not wish to add to that pressure.

We are, however, taking this time **to develop more accessible resources** in the spirit of this popular event and look forward to coming back out to you to announce these in due course.

We would like to thank everyone who works so hard to support this annual event, and we very much look forward to welcoming you back in 2021.

Funding Opportunities

Funding for Charities working with people to develop Skills ready for Employment



Grants are available for registered charities for specific projects or core activities that support literacy, numeracy, digital and additional skills for learning that are likely to assist employment prospects.

The Thomas Wall Trust was created in 1920 for the "encouragement and assistance of educational work and social service". Today, the Trust continues to assist in these areas by providing grants to individuals and organisations.

Grants of up to £5000 are available - the Trust will support annual repeat funding for up to three years – subject to satisfactory annual reviews of progress and impact. Priority will be given to match funded projects. The next round of funds will be awarded in November 2020.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a UK charity that has been registered with the Charity Commission for at least three years.
- Have an annual turnover that does not exceed £500,000.

For more details and how to apply please go to <https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities-2/>

Click [here](#) for the **Skills Team Who's Who** and **previous issues** of this bulletin.

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