

# SPOTLIGHT



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## Message from Andy

Hi all,

As we come to the close of the 2019-2020 academic year, I would like to thank all sub-contractors and SCC staff for the hard work, motivation, and commitment to the Service. This has been a year of challenges and changes which I feel the Service has risen to and I am extremely proud to be a part of this. The recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic will be a long and difficult road and I am sure that Adult and Community learning will face further challenges in the years to come. I am certain that SCC Adult Learning Service will meet those challenges head-on and overcome the barriers we face. Adult and Community learning will be an essential part of the COVID-19 recovery and act as a foundation to many residents of Suffolk as we start to rebuild and move forward.

The performance of the Service has been positive in the circumstances. This is again testament to the people that work within the Service and the commitment of the learners who make the Service what it is. As we plan to move into a new academic year and also to reopen learning centres, I am confident that the Service is stronger and more prepared to react to whatever challenges we face.

We must continue to follow guidance and be ready to adapt to changes from the ESFA and continue to work hard to maximise the funding we receive. We are finalising the contracting of providers who will deliver in 2020-2021 and are planning learning offers that will make a huge difference to the communities of Suffolk.

We hope that you enjoy the newsletter and reading about the different activities that are taking place. Please feel free to comment on the content as we are always continually striving to develop and improve.

Many thanks

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*Andy*

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**Please circulate our newsletter to everyone working on projects for the Adult Learning Service, and to anyone that you feel may be interested in learning more about what we do!**

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### Message from Wing

#### **ALS highlights:**

- **Final reminder:** please send all 2019-20 document submissions to the ALS SharePoint to conclude your delivery.
- **2020-21 Quality Handbook** and the full **suite of documentation** have now been issued. They will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020; please adhere to the submission timeline stated in the Quality Handbook and please note: *MIS will not accept document submission of 2020-21 learning activities using out of date versions.*

#### **Sector highlights:**

The consultation response to subcontracting post-16 education and training with ESFA funding was published at end of June. The funding year of 2020-21 is not affected but it will affect future subcontracting arrangements in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforms-to-subcontracting-education-for-learners-over-16>

From August 2021, EU, other EEA and Swiss nationals will no longer be eligible for ESFA funded adult education budget funding – please be informed of this change for 2021-22 onwards.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2020-06-23/HCWS310/>

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### Message from Kathy

- **2020-21 Delivery of Services:** Following the recent mini-competitions for delivery of services for 2020-21 we are pleased to announce the following contracts have been awarded:
    - **Progress into the Labour Market** *Inspire Suffolk*
    - **Social Inclusion, Health & Wellbeing Lots1&2** *Out Loud Music*
    - **ESOL Provision** *Ipswich Community Media*
    - **Progression into Work Lots 1&2** *Green Light Trust*
    - **Active Lives** *Sentinel Leisure Trust*
    - **Connect Through Skills** *Ipswich Community Media*
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- **Mini-Competition – Forward Steps:** Invitation for bids. This mini-competition, with a contract value of £40,000, was published on the Suffolk Adult & Community learning DPS on 29<sup>th</sup> July (closes 17<sup>th</sup> August).
  - **Covid-19 Secure:** Thank you to all for providing details of your Covid-19 Secure Risk Assessments and for advising that you are following current government guidelines.
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● Provider News ●



- **Green Light Trust:** We are pleased to bring you the second of our learner voice videos. Please take time to view this link, and hear about the impact of the on-line AIR Course: [https://youtu.be/V\\_3pH2mNW3Q](https://youtu.be/V_3pH2mNW3Q)
- **Out Loud Music:** On 30<sup>th</sup> July Out Loud Music ran a very successful 2nd **Live Broadcast** event to enable learners from their **iDeeJayPlus** course to put the skills that they learnt into practice! The evening had over 140 viewers – including a learner who recently moved to India, making it a global event!



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● Latest Updates ●



- **Covid-19 Secure:** Further advice and information is available on the SCC/COVID page <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- The information regarding [Working Safely with Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) includes current health and safety advice and a COVID-19 specific risk assessment template example.
- **The New Anglia Growth Hub website:** Information around Covid-19 is changing rapidly, to make it easier to find all of the information businesses need in one place *The New Anglia Growth Hub website* has a COVID 19 business online toolkit: <https://www.newangliagrowthhub.co.uk/>

The Growth Hub's team of Business Advisers for Norfolk & Suffolk are also available to offer fully funded and impartial business support.





## Inspirational Learner Quote

Here is a quote received from Realise Futures, capturing what one of their learners feels about the support that they have received:

*“Realise Futures have helped me in so many ways. Since joining in 2016 I've gone from shy, scared, anxious and afraid to push barriers, to the person I am today.*

*I've done many courses and learned so much with the support of the tutors and other members of the team.*

*I'm in such a better place and that's thanks to Realise Futures never giving up on me and seeing something in me that I never saw myself. I owe them so much that's why I'm a keen volunteer with Realise Futures now and I wouldn't have it any other way giving a little back and hopefully helping someone who is a little like I was in 2016.” – CG*



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