

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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Apprenticeships Suffolk Newsletter

The latest Apprenticeship Suffolk Newsletter is now on the website: <https://apprenticeshipssuffolk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/13-Apprenticeships-News-10.08.20.pdf>



Spotlight Issue No 4 is now available with updates on service delivery contracts awarded for 2020-21, Covid-19 related guidance and updates and sharing learner voices.

The newsletter is **attached** to this bulletin.

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



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



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 Gurney | 07784 360829

● Ipswich: Wendy Frost | 07784 360831

● West Suffolk: Robyn Cardy | 07784 016650

● workwellsuffolk@suffolk.gov.uk



Mental wellbeing support for young people in Suffolk

- **What is Kooth?**

Kooth is a free, safe and **anonymous online chat and emotional wellbeing service** for young people aged 11 to 25, across Suffolk.

<https://www.kooth.com/>

- **The Source** Information and advice for young people in Suffolk
<https://www.thesource.me.uk/>



FUNDING

BT Small Business Support Scheme

Helping small businesses build back stronger by boosting **connectivity, cashflow and confidence**

Connectivity

Launching bursaries for UK tech start-ups
Funding ultrafast business connections
Introducing BT Halo for business
Helping small businesses go cashless



Cashflow

Accelerating prompt payments for BT's small business suppliers
Financial flexibility for the hardest hit



Confidence

Access to digital advertising
Small business mentoring support
Helping boost digital skills
Wellbeing Support



BT Supports SMEs to Grow Following COVID-19

The **BT Small Business Support Scheme** is designed to help SMEs across the UK that have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic. It is intended to enable firms to build their recovery and growth following COVID-19 and features a series of measures aimed at boosting connectivity, cash flow and confidence.

The scheme comprises a range of support strands, including:

- **Funding ultrafast business connections**
Helping small businesses fund the cost of an ultrafast business connection by subsidising the total cost by up to £2,500 per customer. Interested parties can find out more from their local BT representative.
- **Launching bursaries for UK tech start-ups**
A new bursary scheme to give 1,000 UK tech start-ups and entrepreneurs a financial head start. From

October 2020, eligible companies can apply for a bursary to benefit from free fibre broadband and mobile bundles. Further details will be announced in due course.

- **Supporting small businesses through mentoring**
A new mentoring scheme for small businesses, providing them with free access to expertise across strategy, marketing, sales, and more.

You can find out more in the **attached** documents or on their website

<https://www.bt.com/about/bt/our-company/group-businesses/enterprise/small-business-support-scheme>

Interested parties are advised to liaise with BT Group for more details about accessing the support available.

Enabling Recovery Innovation Voucher Fund



This fund is open to SME businesses who want to access academic expertise to respond to the coronavirus pandemic, or to enable their recovery and overcome current business challenges caused by Covid-19.

The scheme is very similar to the existing Innovation Voucher scheme: businesses can apply for up to £6,000 for projects worth £7,500. EIRA will fund 80% of the total value of the project, with businesses funding the remaining 20%. Applications are welcomed from SME businesses based within EIRA's geographical remit of the East of England and who require academic expertise to explore innovative solutions and ideas. Projects must be completed by March 2021.

The new fund is open now and will close at midday on Friday 11th September.

Find out more here: [Enabling Recovery Innovation Voucher Fund](#)

Training Events

Opportunity to kick-start a new career in Software Development with free training from Netmatters



With many of us working from home the reliance and value of technology – for businesses, for communication and for entertainment has increased in the last few months. With this increasing reliance on technology, there is an ever-increasing need for highly skilled technicians to make things better, stronger and faster for consumers.

Netmatters are pleased to announce that they are able to extend their offering to even more individuals with fully funded places on their award winning Scion Training course, upskilling the digital workforce of the future, and, thanks to both the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Local Enterprise Partnership for Norfolk and Suffolk (LEP) they are now able to provide that opportunity at no cost.

To find out more and register your interest go to:

<https://www.netmatters.co.uk/time-to-kick-start-a-new-career-in-software-development-with-free-training-from-netmatters>



The Small Business Leadership Programme

supports senior leaders to enhance their business's resilience and recovery from the impact of COVID-19. It helps small and medium-sized businesses to develop their potential for future growth and productivity.

Participants will develop strategic leadership skills and the confidence to make informed decisions to boost business performance.

The **fully-funded 10 week programme** will be delivered online by small business and enterprise experts from world-leading business schools.

To find out more and to register go to

<https://smallbusinesscharter.org/small-business-leadership-programme/>

QUAYSIZED ONLINE BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Ethical Leadership in a
Post-Lockdown World

Suffolk Business School

IWIC
Ipswich Waterfront
Innovation Centre

University
of Suffolk



Ethical Leadership in a post-lockdown world

Tuesday, 8 September 2020 | 07:45 – 09:00

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ethical-leadership-in-a-post-lockdown-world-tickets-113758280078>

An introduction to 3 principles of ethical leadership drawn from the 'Ethics of Care'.

Looking at challenges of emerging from lock-down.

Dr Will Thomas is an Associate Professor in the Suffolk Business School teaching and researching ethical leadership and research skills. He will be presenting this Quaysize Virtual online Business Breakfast on the fascinating subject of Ethical Leadership in a Post-Lockdown World.



Schools gain unprecedented access to New Wolsey Theatre – Autumn 2020

In autumn 2020, the New Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich wants to give schools unprecedented access to the theatre and their staff, as a resource for learning and for supporting the mental health of young people.

They can offer practical, socially distanced workshops that explore sections of the curriculum, from science and computing to vocabulary development, and can support elements of the statutory guidance for physical health and mental wellbeing.

The content of this project is adaptable for different Key Stages and for SEND students.

- [Introduction to the project](#)
- [Further information](#)

Consultation



Education & Skills
Funding Agency

ESFA survey – Off-the-job training delivery

The Education and Skills Funding Agency is interested in exploring with employers and providers the benefits of different approaches to delivering the 20% OTJ training element of the apprenticeship. They are keen to understand if it is of interest to employers and providers to deliver more OTJ training in a condensed format, at the start of an apprentice's employment and or training.

They are seeking your views to understand:

- which delivery models work well for you now
- where you already utilise the flexibilities in the apprenticeship rules to do up front off-the-job training ahead of the apprentice starting their on-the-job activity.
- where you do not currently do this, why the delivery model you use works well for your organisation.

Closing date for the [survey](#) is 24 Aug 2020

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