



Supporting Young People...

...with their future plans

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Welcome to this newsletter

Firstly, we would like to wish you all well and thank you for the support you are continuing to provide to your students during this unprecedented situation.

This newsletter will be one of several that we intend to produce over the next few months to give you essential information regarding how we all work together to support young people's future decisions in this uncertain time.

We are still here – but, like yourselves, working in new ways! You can contact us as follows or use personal emails as usual.

- Participation Tracking Team CYParticipationTrackingTeam@suffolk.gov.uk
- Skills Team at skills@suffolk.gov.uk

We are also using a range of virtual tools to keep our communication channels open – Skype, MS Teams, telephone or text.

Jacqui Phipps & Sally Hill
Careers and Enterprise Lead | Senior Skills Policy Officer

Please can you take just 5 minutes to complete a short survey to help us organise this work in this interim period.

Please return by 25th April 2020

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OZBGFV/>

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The Year 11 Information Sharing cycle / Positive 'Destinations' for September

Work collating information that relates to young people's post 16 plans is still ongoing. We appreciate all your efforts and contacts so far with PTT. It is really important that we continue to work together and pool resources.

Please note:

Many of our Early Help Team staff - including Young Person's Workers - are being redeployed and/or are working from home, so are only contacting the young people in Year 11 who have been referred to them.

To help us all to support those that need it most, and to target those with no plan for September, we are planning a number of things:

- PTT are currently in contact with you to complete a final check your Year 11 cohort to ensure the details are correct.
- We are working with Post 16 Colleges, School 6th forms and Independent providers earlier than usual to get information regarding 'Offers of learning' by the end of May.
- We hope to share a list of these 'offers' with schools so both yourselves and SCC can start to make contact and proactively help those who are not sorted. We will need to work out who is best placed to do this and avoid overlap. For example - the school? A Young Person's Worker? Another professional like a social worker or youth justice worker?
- Jacqui and Sally are planning some virtual workshops in the summer term to a) support the work for the current Year 11s and b) to look at next academic year and share suggestions for a more streamlined approach.
- We have drafted a Year 11 communication that could be sent out to parents by schools in June through parent mail, and we want to share examples of a school privacy policy with you at these workshops
- Dates for these workshops will come out after the Easter Holiday

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Many thanks for all your support so far this year!

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Safeguarding add CEC update here

WORK WELL
SUFFOLK

Suffolk County Council has been successful in securing European Social Funding to deliver a **3-year project called Work Well Suffolk.**

Realise Futures CIC have been contracted to provide a dedicated Work Well Suffolk Coaching Service for people (18+) with multiple and complex barriers to progressing in life and work. It will also focus on supporting the people of Suffolk to re-engage with education, training, or employment.

Working with our strategic partners, Steadfast Training and MENTA, dedicated Work Well Suffolk Employment Services will seek out, create and support employment and self-employment, volunteering and mentoring opportunities for individuals across the county. The project will be managed by Suffolk County Council and delivered across the following areas of Suffolk:

Ipswich | West Suffolk | Babergh and Mid Suffolk | East Suffolk.

The project aims to reach over 2000 people and will commence delivery in April 2020. Target groups: 18yrs+ and unemployed or economically inactive with a barrier to work, training or progression

The Work Well Suffolk team can be contacted on workwellsuffolk@suffolk.gov.uk

Careers Guidance training courses

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CAREERS TRAINING

Careers Leader training will continue online. We are waiting for a decision from Department for Education regarding the continuation of these funded courses for 2020- 2021.

We are starting the **new Level 6 Careers Guidance and Development course on April 22** and are revising the timetable to deliver some of this online and hope that we can offer face to face training later in the year. *Please contact Jacqui Phipps for more details.*

We recognise that these are unprecedented times and you are experiencing unexpected pressures. Currently we are reaching out to the Enterprise Advisers in the Network to see what virtual and online resources they may be able to provide, however, *any suggestions you may have on how we can support you and your students over the coming months would be greatly appreciated.* These suggestions will then help to inform the resources we source and produce.

Our team of Enterprise Coordinators will continue to support the New Anglia Enterprise Adviser Network and are available to discuss with you any concerns you may have.

Contact details for your Enterprise Coordinator can be found on our website

<https://newanglia.co.uk/the-new-anglia-enterprise-adviser-network>

Compass+ Training

To help you get onboard with the new Compass+ Tool we are hosting some **online sessions**. Just like the Compass Audit tool, this is a free tool, aimed at tracking, planning and auditing careers provision.

Two sessions are planned for

- **Wednesday 8th April at 2.00 pm and**
- **May 5th at 11.00 am.**

Both sessions are the same so you only need to attend one of them.

Please contact Josie.Finch@newanglia.co.uk for more information as it is *essential that you book* in order to get an online invitation!

Other information online

You can find useful information on the 'Careers Leaders UK' Facebook page where people are sharing ideas and lesson plans on how to carry on delivering careers work.

Please be aware that the site is self-regulated and you will find people trying to sell commercial products, however, there are plenty of ideas and support from others in your position!



Take your Place – an update from neaco

During the current period of uncertainty the HECs are all working remotely but contactable via phone, email and Skype, while they are busy planning future activities, assemblies, workshops and presentations to be ready for delivery in schools as soon as the current crisis is over.

Contact details available on the neaco website <https://www.takeyourplace.ac.uk/what-we-do>

Just to summarise outcomes from Phase 1 (Jan 2017-July 2019)

Phase 1

- Delivered 8461 activities
- Worked with 27,000 students
- 13,756 of which lived in target wards...
- ...averaging 3.5 interactions per target student
- The project engaged with 120 schools & colleges throughout Cambridge & Peterborough, Suffolk & Norfolk

Phase 2 (Aug 2019 – July 2021) is all about the learner journey and repeat interventions with emphasis on sustainability and what this may mean to schools. *Your ideas are welcome!*



TCHC offer a number of programmes that can help young people to gain an Apprenticeship or who need more support to continue in learning or training. A selection of their leaflets are **attached** for your use.

For more information contact tyrone.bradnam@tchc.net

Princes Trust Resources

The Prince's Trust is opening its educational resources for all youth services that provide educational support to young people across Norfolk and Suffolk. The Prince's Trust offers a fully accredited Personal Development and Employability programme to 11-16 year olds, at levels Entry 3 to level 2.

For more information see [attachments](#) or contact Peter.Hennessey@princes-trust.org.uk



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