

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 skills@suffolk.gov.uk.

The Skills Team

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UPDATES

Skills Team Updates

- **Debbie McArthur, Apprenticeships and Youth Employment Manager**, is leaving her post on the 20th January to become the new Manager at the WSC Learning Centre in Sudbury.
The Skills Team would like to thank Debbie for all her hard work including the establishing of the Apprenticeships Suffolk Service and wish her every success going forward.

We are recruiting:

- **Apprenticeship Manager**. We are recruiting an [Apprenticeship Manager](https://suffolkjobsdirect.org) (suffolkjobsdirect.org) to replace Debbie with interviews scheduled for the 23rd February.

- **Business Connector – Youth Pledge for Employer Service.** We are looking to recruit 2 people to this new project. Interviews on 19th & 22 February
[Business Connector - Youth Pledge for Employer Service \(suffolkjobsdirect.org\)](https://suffolkjobsdirect.org)
- **Supply Chain Skills Development Manager** – interviews on 18th February.
[Project Manager - Supply Chain Skills Development \(suffolkjobsdirect.org\)](https://suffolkjobsdirect.org)

You can find details for all posts via the links provided to suffolkjobsdirect.org.



Work Well Suffolk

Work Well Suffolk are continuing to work throughout the pandemic and the current restrictions. Our Coaching Service, delivered by Realise Futures CIC are offering invaluable high quality virtual support to help our participants through this difficult time and supporting them to overcome barriers, gain basic skills (80 participants) and start volunteering (14 participants).

Our Employment and Self-Employment services Menta and Steadfast Training are also continuing to aid WWS participants in getting closer to the labour market and as the first year came to a close we have begun hearing positive stories of participants who have passed through the programme, attended interviews and successfully gained employment which currently stands at 61 participants.

Kickstarting the new year we have been working with Mansion House Publishing to get the word out to Suffolk Residents through the Parish magazines. We are featured in the Manningtree January edition and will be published in further area editions in February. Keep an eye out!



Adult Learning Service Newsletter

The January issue of Spotlight is now available – see [attachment](#).

OPPORTUNITIES



How Apprenticeships can develop the future beyond the pandemic | Open University webinar on Thursday 11 February 2021

Join the webinar to hear insights from their expert panel who will be discussing how some of the barriers can be overcome to secure a bright future for skills development.

The Open University's Business Barometer 2020 found that almost half of employers acknowledged that apprenticeships and work-based learning programmes will be vital to their recovery over the next year.

In this webinar for National Apprenticeship Week, The Open University has teamed up with The 5% Club – a dynamic movement of employer-members working to create a shared prosperity across the UK by driving 'earn and learn' skills training.

The webinar will discuss the results of a new survey on employers' very latest approaches to apprenticeships. [Register here](#)

SHARE YOUR STORY

Employers, apprentices, and all promoters of apprenticeships we want to hear YOUR voice.

Apprenticeships Suffolk would like to invite you to submit a short video, or statement sharing your passion, successes, or journey of an apprenticeship.

If you would like to take part please submit to apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk to appear in the **#BeSuffolksFuture** celebratory video in National Apprenticeship Week.

#BeSuffolksFuture

 Apprenticeships
National Apprenticeship Week
8 to 14 February 2021

Green Skills Week - 5th - 9th April 2021

[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GREEN SKILLS WEEK HERE](#)

Speakers for Schools are looking for employers, who are experts in their industries and fields, to partner with them to inform, inspire and introduce young people to Green Skills careers by offering virtual work experience placements in April 2021.

You could host virtual work experience or a virtual insight day and have the chance to reach a new and diverse group of young people, to promote your commitment to Green Skills, as well as bringing students directly into your early talent pipeline.

Speakers for Schools will support you every step of the way and they provide access to their recruitment and placement platforms to help you host your events seamlessly. If you would like to get involved, please contact partner@greenskillsweek.org

 Skills for Energy
EAST OF ENGLAND

Could You Be a Skills for Energy Champion?

Skills for Energy are looking for enthusiastic energy industry professionals to help inspire, encourage and engage students and young people and anyone considering their future pathway.

We want to highlight the many opportunities working in the energy industry can provide and educate anyone who is unfamiliar with the sector on the diverse range of roles available, and bust the myth that it's all hard hats and boiler suits.

The Skills for Energy team regularly engage with local schools, community groups and clubs by attending careers and networking events, delivering presentations to schools, sixth forms and colleges and providing information around our exciting industry, the pathways to an energy career and providing guidance on skills such as interview techniques, CV writing and more.

We're looking for people who can talk passionately about the energy industry, their role, career pathway and future ambitions to these different groups of people. To spark ambition and enthusiasm and champion the energy industry with dedication and excitement.

If you would like to get involved, sign the pledge to become a Skills for Energy Champion, or would like further information please email skills@eeegr.com

RESOURCES



Discover Energy Industry Careers

Free resource now available to learn more about careers and job roles in the fast paced, exciting energy industry.

Following the Skills for Energy 2020 event there is now a fantastic resource for students, education providers and careers advisors available featuring job role videos, vlogs, interviews and panel discussions on careers within the energy industry. It's completely free to access and there is no need to register! [Content can be accessed here.](#)

There are also two exciting competitions running with the opportunity to win some great prizes.

All content will be available for the next six months (which covers National Careers Week in March) and will then be transferred to the brand new Skills for Energy website launching soon.

Contact: Marie.hoskinsdavies@eeegr.com, 07936 911769

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