

SPOTLIGHT

A graphic of a spotlight beam shining down on the word 'SPOTLIGHT'. The beam is yellow and white, and the word is in large, bold, dark blue letters.The logo for Suffolk County Council, featuring a shield with a cross and the text 'Suffolk County Council' below it.The logo for the Adult Learning Service, featuring the text 'ADULT LEARNING SERVICE' in bold, dark blue letters, with several colorful circles (blue, green, orange, purple) arranged in a curved path below it.

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Welcome

Spotlight 10 - keeping you in touch with the latest Adult Learning news across the region and nationally.

We look forward to receiving your feedback and any information that you would like to be included in future newsletters.

In this issue:

- Our new website “LearnSuffolk.org” launches!
- Latest Government Guideline Links
- Skills for Jobs White Paper
- Notice Board – latest courses
- Contract Catch-up
- Learner Pictures
- Latest SCC Updates

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!

SERVICE NEWS

- **The new Adult Learning Website “LearnSuffolk.org” launches!** The website has been specifically designed to promote the Adult Learning Service to a wider audience. Please promote to your learners and through social media!
- **Latest Government guideline links:**
 - [ESFA Update further education: 13 January 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/esfa-update-further-education-13-january-2021)
 - [Guidance for schools: coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19)
- **Skills for Jobs White Paper:** On Thursday 21 January, the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson launched the [Skills for Jobs White Paper](#) that sets out reforms for post-16 education in England, **reshaping the training landscape and helping the nation to build back better.**



● **Latest courses:** Find out more about the latest courses from

- Out Loud Music: [here](#)
- Sentinel Leisure Trust: [here](#)
- Ipswich Community Media & Learning: [here](#)
- Green Light Trust: [here](#)
- Inspire Suffolk: [here](#)
- Realise Futures: [here](#)



CONTRACT CATCH-UP

Catch up on meetings, data, events and updates

- **2019-20 Self-Assessment Report (SAR):** The report was accepted by the Adult Learning Service Governing Board on the 21/01/2020, with the grading remaining as 2. There are a few minor changes to make and the report will be published. Thank you to all for your time and input on this it is much appreciated.
- **Suffolk 2020 Fund – Adult Learning Service Digital Transformation Project:** We are pleased to announce that our bid has been successful. The funding will be used to enhance our digital learning offer and we will be in touch with further plans in the coming weeks.
- **Quality Deep-Dive Visits:** The second round of visits to all providers will continue in February.
- **Adult Learning Service 2020-21 Staff Survey:** The Survey will be sent to all providers shortly to capture the feedback from all team members currently working on 2020-21 delivery.



LEARNER VOICE

This month we have let the pictures speak for themselves. Thank you to Inspire Suffolk for sharing these pictures of our learners enjoying activities on the **Step-Up Hospitality and Wind Farm Courses** over the past year:



LATEST UPDATES

- **Stand out and shine with BT Stand Out Skills:** Stand Out Skills is providing unmissable daily support to jobseekers for 28 days from 19th January 2021. BT Stand Out Skills has what jobseekers need for every stage of their search. It has ways to help you discover your potential, make you own luck, write job applications that can stand out from the crowd and advice on how to interview with confidence and stay resilient through it all. You can [watch here](#).
To access BT's free must-have tips, resources and advice to help you stand out in your job search visit [BT.com/StandOutSkills](https://www.bt.com/StandOutSkills)



- **Community Testing:** Suffolk's first lateral flow test centre is now up and running at the University of Suffolk in Ipswich. Lateral flow testing is an important process that enables us to identify people who have the Covid-19 virus but do not show any symptoms – up to 1 in 3 of us. It is available to anybody who lives or works in the Ipswich area and is unable to work from home. Two new centres are due to open in the near future in Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft, as part of a wider community testing strategy and they will play a huge part in preventing future spread of the virus.

RAPID CORONAVIRUS TESTING Booking Information



<p>This free service is only available for individuals who <i>DO NOT</i> have COVID-19 symptoms</p> <p>If you develop symptoms, please book a test through https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test - or call 119</p> <p>Booking a test: Online: https://commisceo-pcs.shiftpartner.com/sign-up Tel: 0333 772 6144</p> <p><i>To Register, you will need:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Address • Date of Birth • Mobile number (to receive results) • Email address <p style="text-align: center;">To avoid queues, appointments are recommended (although not essential)</p>	<p>Location: Athena Hall (Basement) University of Suffolk 4 University Avenue Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 0SF</p> <p>Test Centre Opening hours: 8am to 7pm, 7 days a week</p> <p><i>Please bring:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your email booking confirmation (printed or on screen) • Photo ID • Hand sanitiser or antiseptic wipes • An internet-enabled phone or mobile device (if possible) • A face covering over your nose and mouth <p>Test results sent via text within 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a walk-in facility (mobility accessible). • Parking is available at the Athena Hall Car Park. • Detailed directions to the centre will be emailed with your booking confirmation. • You will not be able to wait at the test centre for your results
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- **Be a Message Cascader:** Please find attached a general Suffolk message cascade on vaccinations, plus a link to information translated into other languages: [COVID-19 information in other languages or formats | Suffolk County Council](#)

- **Latest SCC Guidance on Coronavirus (Covid-19):** Visit our website on how to check central government and NHS advice, plus answers to common questions about COVID-19. [The Suffolk County Council COVID-19 website contains some frequently asked questions and is updated regularly](#)



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