



# Developing Suffolk Talent

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Monthly updates on the work of the Suffolk County Council Skills Team and key developments across the region.

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## SKILL TEAM NEWS

### New Anglia Learning Providers Forum

*The Forum is a collective of post-16 learning and training providers focused on providing information of interest to post-16 providers across Norfolk and Suffolk - but is open to all who wish to attend.*

After a short time away due to the pandemic the Forum is recommencing its regular meetings hosted in turn by Suffolk County Council and Norfolk County Council. The meeting will be in the shape of a webinar with set times for particular agenda items followed by a summary discussion session intended to allow any attendees to join at that point to reflect on presentations received or any other business pertinent to the provider network. This session will be led by Jason Parnell - representative of independent training providers on the Skills Advisory Panel.

The agenda and meeting invites will be circulated shortly - should you wish to attend or if you have any items you would like to submit for discussion please contact Paul Tatum, [paul.tatum@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:paul.tatum@suffolk.gov.uk)

The next forum meeting will be on 22 June 2021 | 2pm-5pm



## Adult Learning Service



**New! Careers & Work Inspiration Pages Added to Our Website:**

Please take time to visit this new section of our website which aims to inspire learners with careers information and give more details on the skills that local business are looking for.

[Learnsuffolk.org](http://learnsuffolk.org)



## SCC Commissioned Green Light Trust: Learner Voice



We are delighted to share with you the last of our commissioned Green Light Trust learner voice videos. Please take time to click on the link and hear about the impact of the course on our learners' lives!

<https://youtu.be/XZuuYlcKxAA>



For more news, please read our latest "Spotlight" e-news (attached).



## Work Well Suffolk



Work Well Suffolk has now been operational for a year and have engaged with over 770 participants across the county which is 79% of the target Year To Date, this is an excellent number considering the restrictions encountered.

Work Well Suffolk have also started to support Kickstart participants as part of Kickstart Plus.

WWS Navigators Robyn, Wendy and Alan are waiting to hear from you if you would like to refer into the project, for more information please see the website:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/work-well-suffolk/>



## Apprenticeships Suffolk



Apprenticeships Suffolk have been operational for 11 full months and are continuing to support SMEs and aspiring apprentices across Suffolk. The Apprenticeships Suffolk Team of Sharon, Amy, Ellen and Evin have over the last 11 months engaged with 139 employers, of these 60 have been supported and from this 96 apprenticeship opportunities created.

There have been 22 successful apprenticeship starts. These achievements are indicative of positive referrals so the team would like to thank all referral agents.

In total Apprenticeship Suffolk have had 190 participant enquiries, supporting 80 into alternative education, employment and training.

Employer and participant engagement is growing and the team are pleased to be able to continue to support SMEs in creating opportunities for the people of Suffolk.

<https://apprenticeshipssuffolk.org/>



## FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES

### Cash boost for T Levels

Employers will be able to claim a £1,000 cash boost for every T Level student they host on a high-quality industry placement, as part of a new incentive scheme launched on 27 May.

The new technical qualifications - co-created with over 250 employers including Fujitsu and Amazon - are equivalent to three A Levels and uniquely combine classroom study with industry placements.

T Levels are a key part of the government's reforms to revolutionise skills and technical education, generating the skilled workforce that businesses need for the future and giving students the experience they need to progress into well-paid jobs, further study or an apprenticeship.

*Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills Gillian Keegan said:*

'Employers are already recognising the value hosting a T Level industry placement can bring to their business, helping them to build the skilled workforce they need for the future.'

'This temporary cash boost will help even more employers to experience the benefits, while also providing young people with invaluable first-hand experience in the workplace.'

Employers will be able to claim for up to 20 students for the available T Level subject areas until July 2022.

Find out more [here](#).



### Funding for Charities Working with People to Develop Skills Ready for Employment



Grants of up to £5,000 are available for specific projects or core activities that support literacy, numeracy, digital and additional skills for learning that are likely to assist the employment prospects of people aged 11 years and older.

Annual repeat funding for up to three years - subject to satisfactory annual reviews of progress and impact.

Applications will be considered from UK charities that have been registered with the Charity Commission for at least three years and have an annual turnover that does not exceed £500,000.

Priority will be given to match funded projects, charities working with collaborative networks, self-sustaining projects with a view to becoming less relation on grants in the future.

Applications are currently being accepted for funds to be awarded in November 2021.

- **The deadline for submitting an expression of interest is 3 September 2021.**

For further information please go to [www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk](http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk)



## Alternative Provision Year 11 Transition Funding Announces 2021 Round



The Department for Education (DfE) is providing funding to support additional transition support provided by Alternative Provision (AP) settings for year 11 pupils from now to the end of February 2022.

The AP cohort, a significant proportion of whom are in year 11, are already vulnerable and at greater risk of becoming not in education, employment or training (NEET) than their peers. These risks have increased since schools closed for most pupils and without substantial transition support. Bespoke, needs-based interventions are needed to support these year 11 pupils transition to post-16 provision successfully.

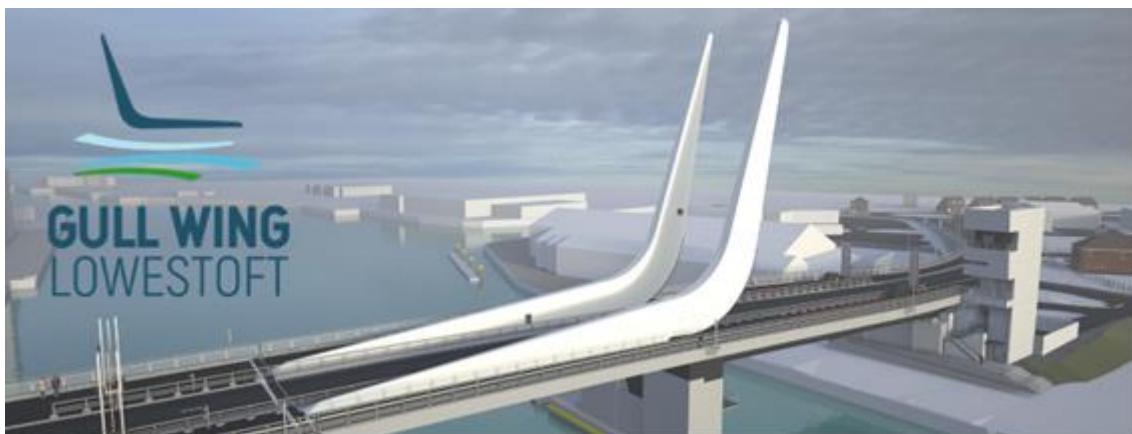
It is up to post-16 providers how they use this funding to support disadvantaged students, and to help retain students.

The DfE will provide AP settings with up to £750 for each year 11 pupil on their school or college roll, to support these young people to transition into sustained post-16 destinations and to avoid becoming NEET.

AP's can use this one-off funding from now until the end of February 2022 depending on individuals' needs.

- Schools and colleges **will need to submit a claim form by the end of February 2022.**
- FE colleges and independent schools **will need to submit an expression of interest (EOI) and commissioner letter by the deadline of 25 June 2021.**

Find out more on the [Gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk)



## Gull Wing June Update

### Local Opportunities - Apprenticeships & Kickstart placements

We have now taken on 2 apprentices and are looking for **Level 5 and 6 Apprentices in Engineering and Quantity Surveying**. In addition to these positions, we are hoping to take on another 6 Apprentices over the duration of the project through Farrans and our local supply chain. We have also now offered and confirmed positions to 3 Graduates to work on the Project.

We are also taking part in the Government's Kickstart and Kickstart + programme creating new jobs for 16 to 24-year olds on Universal Credit at risk of long term unemployment.

We look to support our local community in several ways, and we have been working directly with 25 local companies on our supply chain

If you are interested in any of the apprenticeship opportunities, work experience or any other employment opportunities, please email [info@gullwingbridge.co.uk](mailto:info@gullwingbridge.co.uk)



### WORK EXPERIENCE

We have recently welcomed Oliver as our first Work Experience placement to work on site with Farrans. Oliver has completed a fortnight with the Quantity Surveying (QS) team. He assisted the QS's with general day to day duties, measurement, Sub Contractor Payments to name a few. He has attended meetings with the Team on site to give him the best representation of what a QS does day to day. He was also shown from a wider project perspective, how Farrans were successful in winning the Project, what our main roles & responsibilities as the Main Contractor are under the Contract and how the Client fits into all of this. Oliver also had a day with an Engineer to show him that side of how a Construction Site operates, give him experience with differing roles etc. We wish him well with his future career path.

## AOB

### New Further Education (FE) providers mental health self-evaluation tool



A new [mental health self-evaluation tool \(C-MET\)](#) has been developed by Charlie Waller and the Association of Colleges (AoC), as part of their resources to support mental health during the pandemic. The tool was launched on Tuesday 11 May in line with Mental Health Week and takes providers through 10 steps to assess the mental health and wellbeing of their students and staff and is free of charge to all colleges.

Completing the steps enables colleges to build up a picture of how well they are currently doing. C-MET also offers guidance and recommendations to help colleges fill gaps in their knowledge and practice.

To find out more and register your interest in using the tool, contact us: [hello@charliewallerselfevaluation.org](mailto:hello@charliewallerselfevaluation.org)





## Making the most of Sizewell C for Young People

An employment and skills prospectus and online careers hub has launched for Sizewell C, the new nuclear power station planned for Suffolk. Both can be found on Young Sizewell C, a site on the project website for young people

- [Young SZC | Sizewell C | EDF \(edfenergy.com\)](#)
- Visitor Centre for skills and education [sizewellbtours@edf-energy.com](mailto:sizewellbtours@edf-energy.com)
- Please encourage students to register with YSZC when eligible (age 16+)

Contact: [Marjorie.barnes@sizewellc.com](mailto:Marjorie.barnes@sizewellc.com)

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