



# 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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## SKILLS TEAM NEWS

### **First CPD Higher Apprenticeship Success**

All Apprentices now have to go through an End Point Assessment at the end of their Apprenticeship to demonstrate that they meet the knowledge, skills and behaviours of their Apprenticeship Standard.

This assessment must be undertaken with an End Point Assessment Organisation – which will be separate to their training provider and is a rigorous process for many apprentices.

Suffolk County Council are the End Point Assessment Organisation for the Careers Development Professional Higher Apprenticeship. As part of the End point Assessment apprentices need to have a professional discussion for 90 mins that will cover a range of questions (unknown to the apprentice beforehand) and write a 4,000 word report on a work based project.



Lucy's Pioneering Careers Apprenticeship Success

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This video - [Lucy's Pioneering Careers Apprenticeship Success](#) is a discussion with the first apprentice through the CDP Apprenticeship and she talks with her assessor about her experience of the Apprenticeship and the End Point Assessment with Suffolk CC.

It shows the hard work, dedication and professionalism needed to qualify as a Careers Professional!



### Pathways 50+



Pathways 50+ is a new project funded by the European Social Fund and delivered by Futures in partnership with Norfolk and Suffolk County Council.

The project will focus on supporting those aged 50+ back into work through work placements and employability support. Futures are looking to work with SME businesses from Norfolk or Suffolk to create the placements, which will help recruitment of committed experienced staff who may not respond to traditional recruitment techniques.

For more information, please email Angela Carpenter the Futures Account Manager - Angela Carpenter [angela.carpenter@futuresforyou.com](mailto:angela.carpenter@futuresforyou.com)



### Work Well Suffolk



The Work Well Suffolk Team have engaged with over 1,300 participants across the county which is 83% of the target to date. This is an excellent number considering the restrictions encountered.

Currently, there have been 82 participants that have secured employment through Steadfast Training, 36 have started Self Employment/Started their own Business with the support of Menta and there are 315 active participants being supported by our Coaching Service at Realise Futures.

Drop-in sessions are now regularly run from Suffolk Libraries and a number of Job Centres across the county which is proving impactful in these communities.

Navigators Robyn, Wendy and Alan are waiting to hear from you: [workwellsuffolk@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:workwellsuffolk@suffolk.gov.uk), For further information please see the website: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/work-well-suffolk/>



### Youth Pledge for Employers



The Youth Pledge for Employers project (ESF Part Funded) is delivered across Norfolk and Suffolk, in partnership with The Mason Trust.

The Business Connectors are engaging with employers supporting them to create work inspiration (work experience, industry tours/talks, taster days, apprenticeships and employment with training) for 16-24 year olds. Over 120 businesses are registered to date! The virtual careers fayre across the 15th and 16th of December

2021 was a great success and has developed further relationships and encouraged engagement from young people across the county.

These opportunities can be accessed via the [icanbea... \(Careers & Ideas in Norfolk & Suffolk\) | website](#)

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## Apprenticeships Suffolk



Apprenticeships Suffolk have engaged with over 300 participants and over 200 businesses, all ESF outcomes and results are 100%+ of targets which is an excellent achievement. The team continue to work collaboratively with the DWP, hotdesking in the Job Centre offices once a month in Lowestoft, central Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds, there have also been On-going discussions and planning with Training

Providers regarding a carousel of Work Experience to be delivered early next year.

Opportunities can be viewed at <https://apprenticeshipssuffolk.org/> and the team can be contacted at [apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk) or 01473 263555.

To receive the Apprenticeships Suffolk Newsletter please email the team.

## FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES

### Youth Investment Fund (Phase 1) – Capital Grants



Department for  
Digital, Culture,  
Media & Sport

#### Who can apply?

Charities, Not for Profits (companies house), Sport Clubs, Local Authorities (where they provide youth services)

**Summary:** Capital grant funding is intended to create, expand and improve local youth facilities and their services, with the goal of driving positive outcomes for young people, such as:

- Improved health and wellbeing.
- Skills for work, employment and life.

Applicants must be working with children and young people, where the majority are aged 11 to 19 years. Where young people have a special educational need, are leaving care, or are considered 'at risk' or vulnerable, funding may be granted up to the age of 25 years.

**Eligible areas:** Defined list of [eligible WARD areas](#) are listed under county name on Children in Need website.

- **Babergh:** Sudbury North East
- **East Suffolk:** Carlton & Whitton, Gunton & St Margarets, Harbour & Normanston, Kessingland, Kirkley & Pakefield
- **Ipswich:** Bridge, Gainsborough, Gipping, Priory Heath, Sprites, Stoke Park, Westgate, Whitehouse, Whitton
- **West Suffolk:** Mildenhall Great Heath

#### Grant eligibility:

For this fund, capital is defined as the costs of building improvements, buying equipment (including IT and vehicles) and furnishings. Grants could cover:

- Installation of Green Energy, such as solar panels, heat pumps.
- Equipment to improve health and wellbeing, eg outdoor gym equipment.
- IT improvements including software, websites, portals, platforms and new IT equipment.
- Improvements allowing greater access to service-users with disabilities.

- Equipment that will expand and enrich youth activities offered by existing providers, eg outdoor sports and activities, kitchen equipment, landscaping.
- Minor facility improvements to improve safeguarding and security for young people, eg CCTV installations, improved building security.
- Purchase of vehicles or mobile units, which could be used for detached youth work or as mobile youth centres.
- Changes to existing spaces, eg provision of music rooms, arts and crafts, IT rooms.
- Conversions of underused space into youth facilities.

**Grant levels: £5,000 - £50,000** (All items must be purchased and paid for by 31 March 2022). May consider larger applications, if they can be spent by 31 March 2022.

**Deadline: Phase 1** (funding pot £10 million) will **open on 31 January 2022 and close on 25 February 2022**, or sooner if all funding is allocated.

**More:** Full guidelines, FAQs and the online grants portal can be found on the BBC Children in Need website.

[Visit the Children in Need - Youth Investment Fund webpage](#) | [View the DCMS Press Release](#)



## Further Education Initial Teacher Education Bursaries Fund Opens to Applications

In the 2022 to 2023 academic year, the Department for Education (DfE) is making available a package of support to help further education (FE) providers attract high-quality individuals into the teaching profession in the FE sector in certain defined subject areas.

This package includes FE initial teacher education (ITE) bursaries to support pre-service training of teachers in priority areas.

The fund will provide bursaries for the following ITE programmes:

- Computing
- Engineering (and/or manufacturing)
- English (capped at 100 awards in the 2022 to 2023 academic year)
- Mathematics
- Science (including biology, chemistry and/or physics)
- Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Funding will not be provided for any subjects that are not included in this list.

Further Education ITE providers are eligible to apply. Applications from individual trainees are not accepted.

The level of bursary available varies depending on the subject. These are as follows:

- Mathematics - £26,000
- Science, including biology, chemistry, and/or physics - £26,000
- Engineering (and/or manufacturing) - £26,000
- Computing - £26,000
- Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) - £15,000
- English (capped at 100 places) - £15,000

Awards will be made from a finite funding pot on a first-come-first-served basis.

FE providers can make applications for trainees at any time, either on a case-by-case basis or in batches, ahead of a course starting, by emailing a completed application form to the DfE.

Find out more on the DfE website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fe-funding-initial-teacher-education-ite-bursaries-2022-to-2023>



## Promoting Agile Project management as part of the ICET Project



The In-Career Education and Training Project (ICET) is delivered by the University of Suffolk and funded through the European Social Fund. The project will support small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) to access high quality, immersive digital and leadership training. SMEs who register and apply to the ICET project can access 50% of funding towards high level, immersive courses.

### The ICET Project are asking for support to promote their funded Agile Project Management subsidised qualification.

▶ If you are an SME please consider eligibility and application to your business. If you work with SMEs please forward the attached flyer to your networks, and 'like' and 'boost' any upcoming posts on social media when you come across them - *Thank you!*

## AOB

### Skills & Careers Festival 2022 | 9th & 10th March 2022, Norfolk Showground



The Norfolk and Suffolk Skills and Careers Festival is an interactive event at the Norfolk Showground aimed at 14-24-year-olds to help inspire them for their future career and to demonstrate the various options available.

The festival is a fantastic chance to showcase the huge range of opportunities available to them from across the country and motivate, inspire, and offer them the chance to take the next steps towards their career.

Exhibitor bookings now open - [booking form](#). If you are interested in attending this event, find out more here [About us | Norfolk Skills and Careers Festival | Norfolk Showground](#) and see the attached flyer.



### Review of Sexual Abuse in Schools and Colleges



Following the findings of the Ofsted review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges, Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership and Suffolk County Council's CYP Service have written a [response letter](#) which summarises the main findings of the review, suggests useful resources and tools and gives pointers as to what schools and colleges can do to support children and families.



### Yojo Careers and Apprenticeship App for young people in Suffolk

Yojo is an app designed by young people for young people, with lots of features which puts the world of work in young people's pockets.

It provides support to young people in Suffolk, aged 14-25, who are looking for an apprenticeship, career path information, or help if they are feeling stuck about what to do next.

Young people can use the app to:

- Search and apply for live apprenticeship and traineeship vacancies
- Find careers based on their favourite subjects or interests
- Create and send CVs
- Prepare for work with practical tips and an Interview questions quiz

To find out more and download the app, go to the Yojo App website [www.yojoapp.co.uk](http://www.yojoapp.co.uk)

Please help raise awareness of the app amongst your students and families by signposting to the website and sharing this promotional video: <https://youtu.be/5xnbWgFuJKw>

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