

SPOTLIGHT



**ADULT
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Welcome

Spotlight 8 - 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.



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- New: Innovation Grant Mentoring Project
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- Learner Voice from Inspire's Step-up Retail Course
- SARS Meeting – 4th December

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!

PROVIDER NEWS

- **2019-20 ESFA Final Reconciliation:** On 24 November we received notification from ESFA of our reconciliation for 2019-20. SCC Adult Learning Service delivered **81%** of contract value which, in the circumstances, is a great result! It is also well above the threshold of 68% set by ESFA as a minimum standard of delivery. Due to the performance being well above the threshold SCC will not be subject to funding clawback. Well done to all!
- **Innovation Grant Mentoring Project:** A new programme was launched on 26 November in Norfolk & Suffolk to help owners of small to medium sized businesses to apply for innovation grants to support their business.

This new grant mentoring and bid writing support scheme aims to help businesses in Norfolk and Suffolk develop skills in writing stronger bids to access money from a variety of innovation grant funding and related schemes. Follow the link for more details:
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/news/2020/11/launch-of-innovation-grant-mentoring-project>

- **Ofsted’s briefing in FE and Skills in October:** This makes an interesting read about the sector through COVID: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-series-briefing-on-further-education-and-skills-october-2020>

- **iDeeJay Plus – Pick & Mix Club Night**

Out Loud Music had 141 viewers over the evening which was up 41 on their last broadcast. A learner had recently moved to India but was able to join the event thanks to the wonders of technology.



- **Inspire Suffolk’s Santa’s Sock Day – 10 December 2020**



Inspire Suffolk are encouraging us to wear Christmas Socks proudly to raise money and awareness for young people in Suffolk who are struggling to find their next steps. It only costs £1 to take part and all money raised will go towards funding for Inspire’s vital work within the county. There are 2 ways you can get involved! You can either join in the annual Santa’s Sock Day on 10th December or, alternatively, you can jump right in by posting a photo of your Christmas socks on Facebook at any time and nominating two friends.

To donate your £1, simply text SOCK20 to 70201. Terms and conditions are listed below, along with details on what to post! Find out more: <https://inspiresuffolk.org.uk/courses/santas-sock-day-2/>

- **New! Step Up Game Design Course with Inspire Suffolk**

Starts: 7 December, Monday to Friday

- Blended 2 week programme for 19-25 year olds in Suffolk.
- Mostly delivered online/remotely (so internet and laptop/PC/tab required). Some ability to work/play autonomously is necessary.
- Introduction to Game Design industry and key sector areas (including Games production, art, diversity, programming and publishing).
- Progression available to Game Anglia course enabling design and publication of own game.



LEARNER VOICE

This month we are featuring learner feedback sent to us as an audio file from Inspire Suffolk’s **Step-up to Retail** course. We heard from 6 learners and wanted to share with you the feedback from 1 of those learners:



“This is the first course in 3 ½ months that they’ve (JCP Work Coach) sent me that I felt that I wanted to get up and go to do this ‘cos its actually getting to get me doing something!”

“When I realised what I could get out of the course, I shifted my focus onto polishing my cv and getting better interview techniques, prepping myself and getting ready to being employable.”

CONTRACT CATCH-UP

Catch up on meetings, data, events and updates.

- **2019-20 SARS Meeting – Friday, 4th December:** SARS Reports will be presented at the second virtual 2019-20 SARS meeting, which will be held from 1.00pm to 3.30pm. Please contact Andy if you would like to discuss your SARS before the meeting.
- **Adult Learning Service 2020-21 Staff Survey:** We will shortly be sending out the first of our Staff Surveys to all of our providers to capture the feedback from all team members currently working on 2020-21 delivery.
- **East Suffolk's Adult Learning Webinar, bookable on Eventbrite:**
Andy and Kathy are presenting at this event on 8th December.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/east-suffolk-community-and-adult-learning-network-webinar-1-tickets-127680735517?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

LATEST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATES

- **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](#)
- **Primary Access Card to Promote GP Registration:**



Addressing barriers faced by those accessing the screening and immunisation programmes commissioned by NHSEI, it is hoped that the **Primary Access Card** will help demystify misinformation around GP registration.

The following; permanent place of abode, identification, and settled immigration status are not mandatory requirements to register with a practice, so those looking to register can take a copy of the access card along with them to a practice to get registered. A PDF of the NHS Access Card is **attached** – please promote to learners.

The resources below may also be useful:

<https://assets.nhs.uk/prod/documents/how-to-register-with-a-gp-gypsy-traveller-roma-communities.pdf>

<https://assets.nhs.uk/prod/documents/how-to-register-with-a-gp-homeless.pdf>

- **Turning Point Suffolk:**

Drug and Alcohol Service for under 25s.
Suffolk Youth service offers a range of services and interventions.

Contact: 0300 123 0872
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