

Welcome

Spotlight 11 - 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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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



- **Latest Government guideline links (updated 21 February):**

The revised guidance on returning to centres is here:

[Actions for FE colleges and providers during the coronavirus outbreak - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/actions-for-fe-colleges-and-providers-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak)

The full set of guidance documents can be found at:-

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Education, universities and childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-education-universities-and-childcare)

We are here to support and to discuss any changes to the planned Service delivery.

- **Suffolk Adult Learners' Awards 2021 – 24th June 2021, 6.00pm:** We are delighted that the Suffolk Adult Learners' Awards 2021 will go ahead this year and the ceremony will be a virtual event and take place on Thursday 24th June 2021, at 6.00pm.

- *Suffolk groups, individuals and learning and training providers are being urged to nominate candidates for the learning undertaken over the last year: May 2019 – April 2021.*
- *The Awards, now in their 10th year, celebrate the outstanding achievements of adult learners' and their teachers. They recognise the commitment shown by*



tutors, volunteers, providers and learners' while demonstrating the impact adult learning has on the lives of individuals. It can be for any kind of learning, it doesn't have to be formal learning with qualifications – it could be learning that has taken place in a community group, at work, etc.

- Nominations open on 22nd February and **must be received by 9am on 30 April 2021**.
- For nomination forms and further information, visit: <http://www.uos.ac.uk/adultlearners2021>
- **Latest courses promoted on Social Media sites:** Find out the latest information about our providers' courses and updates by following them on social media:
 - **Green Light Trust:**
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/greenlighttrust>
Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/greenlighttrust/>
Twitter - <https://twitter.com/greenlighttrust>
Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuc-qihIUzapsT25gh0le1g>
 - **Inspire Suffolk:**
Facebook: [Inspire Suffolk - Home | Facebook](#)
Twitter: [Inspire Suffolk \(@InspireSuffolk\) / Twitter](#)
 - **Ipswich Community Media & Learning:**
Facebook: [Ipswich Community Media - Home | Facebook](#)
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 - **Out Loud Music:**
Facebook: @outloudmusicic <https://www.facebook.com/outloudmusicic>
Twitter: @outloudmusicic <https://twitter.com/Outloudmusicic>
 - **Realise Futures:**
Facebook: [Realise Futures CIC - Home | Facebook](#) ; [Realise Futures Poppy's Pantry - Home | Facebook](#);
[Realise Futures Learning Team - Home | Facebook](#)
Twitter: @Realise Futures: [Realise Futures \(@realisefutures\) / Twitter](#)
YouTube: [Realise Futures - YouTube](#)
 - **Sentinel Leisure Trust:**
Twitter: @sentinelleisure
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SLTGroup.org>
Instagram: @sentinelleisuretrust
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdH-IiN7O7bRswa04qAYmsA> Sentinel Leisure TV

Contract catch-up

Catch up on meetings, data, events and updates.

- **Suffolk 2020 Fund – Adult Learning Service Digital Transformation Project:** We are pleased to announce **100 laptops** have been ordered, configured and in various stages of being distributed to learners, identified as being in need of assistance to access on-line provision! Our thanks to our partners, **Realise Futures**, for their invaluable experience and assistance in getting the Lap-Top leading scheme up and running so quickly. Learners on Realise Futures courses now have the opportunity to loan a laptop and apply for additional assistance with data and wifi access for the duration of their course!
- **2021-22 Mini Competitions:** The Mini Competitions for delivery of contracts for 2021-22 are scheduled to be published on the Suffolk Adult & Community Learning Service Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) in April.

If you have not applied to be an approved supplier on the DPS please apply as soon as possible to receive the invitations to tender:

[Suffolk Sourcing - E-Tendering & Contract Management portal - Project Manage - Tender \(in-tendhost.co.uk\)](#)

- **Adult Learning Service 2020-21 Staff Survey:** The Survey closed on 19th February - Thank you to all who took part. Your views are important to us as we strive to improve our service. We will share the results with you soon.

Learner Voice



During our recent virtual visit to **Green Light Trust** we met learners on their on-line AIR course. Thank you for sharing a picture of one of the finished handmade nets / hammock. The wooden needle to make it was handmade too!

The tutor commented:

"It is the best net I have seen anybody make in a group!"



Suffolk Latest Updates County Council

- **Community testing centres:** These sites offer Lateral Flow **COVID-19 Testing for people who cannot work from home** and **do not** have symptoms of Covid-19. The test process takes about 15 minutes with the result provided via text within an hour. People are advised to get tested at least twice a week. At the moment, those who work from home should not leave home to get tested, unless they have symptoms.

Regular testing has a very significant role in helping Suffolk live with and manage Covid-19. One in three people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms at all, so regular testing is vital in breaking this invisible chain of infection.

For further details and to book a test, visit the [COVID-19 asymptomatic testing webpage](#). There is also a YouTube video presented by Stuart on community testing. This can be found on the [SCC YouTube channel](#).



Thank you for booking your test

www.suffolk.gov.uk/bookatest

- **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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