

SPOTLIGHT

A graphic of a spotlight with a yellow beam of light shining down onto the text.The logo for Suffolk County Council, featuring a shield with a crown on top and the text 'Suffolk County Council' below it.

**ADULT
LEARNING
SERVICE**

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Welcome

Spotlight 17 - 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 and course promotion 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!



Don't forget to find out more by visiting our website: learnsuffolk.org

SERVICE NEWS

- **Further Education Covid-19 Operational Guidance - updated 17/08/21:** With delivery returning to the classroom please read the latest information available here: [Further education COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/further-education-covid-19-operational-guidance)
 - **Realise Futures Autumn Term Brochure:** Now available! Check out their courses at: [Realise Futures - Our Courses \(rlearn.co.uk\)](https://rlearn.co.uk). For full brochures click on the links below:
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- A decorative graphic consisting of a series of colorful circles (blue, green, orange, purple) arranged in a diagonal line, similar to the one in the Learn Suffolk logo.

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- [East Suffolk](#)
 - [Ipswich Area](#)
 - [Central & West Suffolk](#)

- **FE Weekly News Article: Results Day Sees Adult Learners Step Towards New Careers** – The article focuses on level 2 results for learners who have passed their English, maths or vocational assessments. Many of whom are looking to use their qualifications to study for careers in healthcare, such as occupational therapy or nursing: [Results day sees adult learners step towards new careers \(feweek.co.uk\)](#).
- **SCC's Climate Emergency Declaration:** On 21st March 2019 councillors at Suffolk County Council voted to declare a climate emergency. Suffolk County Council aims to be a carbon neutral authority by 2030. Through practical action it aims to save money, generate income and reduce carbon emissions to net zero for its own operations and services. For more information please visit: [Our climate emergency declaration | Suffolk County Council](#).

Many suppliers may be keen to know how they can help, or will already be developing their own climate change approach. There is support available to businesses through www.carboncharter.org including a limited resource of free consultancy.

CONTRACT CATCH-UP

Catch up on meetings, data, events and updates

- **ESFA Adult education budget (AEB) funding rules 2021 to 2022: Version 2 of the** rules were published on 21 July 2021.
Please note: The AEB rules for 21/22 on funding eligibility for family members of UK and EEA nationals has been revised. The rules state that family members of nationals must wait 3 years now to be eligible, although previously as a family member of a national with UK status, they were eligible immediately.
Please see link for full funding details: [AEB 2021 to 2022 funding rules v2](#)
- **17th September - Adult Learning Service Network Meeting for all providers:** Our first Network Meeting of the academic year will be held via Teams on 17th September: 10.30am-1.00pm.
- **Promoting up-coming courses in Spotlight:** If you have any Adult Learning courses that you would like to promote in future editions, please send details by 20th of the month to kathy.simpson@suffolk.gov.uk

LEARNER VOICE



This month we have a “Learner Voice Wall” highlighting some of the feedback we have received:

"This was an amazing course - it really helped me through my mental health and being able to achieve such a great result at the end of it. The tutors were so friendly and I managed to achieve the goals I set to do"
ZL, OLM learner.

"I have enjoyed the groups that I've been involved with its been very good I have enjoyed it. I'd say what I have learnt from it is how people can actually use the stuff at a radio station, such as controlling the music and how to select it. I've really enjoyed the course."
Josh, OLM Learner

Learner comments received from Ipswich Community Media & Learning's ESOL courses:

- ▶ "Within this course I was able to learn many words and my listening to improve a lot."
- ▶ "I am really enjoying the course. I was little nervous at first but feels very welcome in the class."

Learner comments following the Realise Futures "Step Ahead in English" course:

- "I now want to challenge myself more in my reading and understanding of text as well as assisting my son on his learning journey."
- "Informative session! I will try Kahoot for myself and treasure hunt with my little one over the next few days. Really enjoyed the course. Made me realise my English is strong enough to help my child with his schoolwork..."

 **Suffolk** LATEST UPDATES
County Council

- **Kickstart at Suffolk County Council:** For the latest opportunities please visit: [Kickstart Placements SCC - Kickstart \(pagetiger.com\)](https://www.pagetiger.com/kickstart-placements-suffolk)

**KICKSTART
SCHEME**

- **Apprenticeships Suffolk Latest Apprenticeship Opportunities:** For the latest opportunities please visit: [Jobs Page - Apprenticeships Suffolk](https://www.apprenticeshipsuffolk.gov.uk)

 **Apprenticeships
Suffolk**

To apply for a vacancy, all interested candidates must be referred to the Apprenticeships Suffolk service. For a learner to refer themselves, or to make a referral on someone's behalf please email apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk where

you will receive a copy of the Apprenticeships Suffolk referral form. Upon completion, a member of the team will be in contact to have an initial discussion.

- **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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