

Forest Heath • St Edmundsbury



West Suffolk
working together

Suffolk Skills & Employment Programme




Suffolk Skills

- Led by Suffolk County Council
- Wide programme of activity
- Addressing a wide range of issues
- Other providers/organisations also contribute



Suffolk Skills Provision

Developing Suffolk Talent

- Work Inspiration
 - Careers Enterprise Company
 - Icanbea...
 - Skills Show
 - Young Flourish
 - STEM Accelerator
 - Aiming High
 - Apprenticeships
 - SEND Provision
 - NEET Provision
 - Advice and Guidance
 - Learning and Work
 - MyGo
 - Adult Education
 - Work and Health
 - Skills for Growth
 - NALEP Skills Fund
 - ETIP
 - NALEP Skills Deals
 - Sector Skills Plans
 - Skills Capital Funding
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Other Suffolk Provision

- West Suffolk College
 - Apprenticeships
 - STEM
- Connect EB
 - STEM
 - Careers Advice
 - Mentorship
- Young Enterprise
 - Primary to Graduate support
 - Business/Start Up skills
- NALEP
 - Youth Pledge Marque
 - Enterprise Adviser
 - Apprenticeships
 - Skills Deals
- GCGP
 - Signpost2Skills
 - Apprenticeships
- Local Authorities



West Suffolk Skills and Employment


- **Forest Heath**
 - Qualification levels below national average
 - Low unemployment
 - Lower than average wages
- **St Edmundsbury**
 - More favourable levels but not significantly
 - Low unemployment
 - Lower than average wages

Area Specific - NEET

	District/Borough	2013	2014	2015
Suffolk	Waveney	248	178	182
	Babergh	128	79	65
	Forest Heath	81	60	66
	Ipswich	291	294	289
	Mid Suffolk	121	111	99
	St Edmundsbury	184	156	114
	Suffolk Coastal	154	143	105



West Suffolk Issues

- Need to understand the specific needs of West Suffolk
 - Different demographic to Ipswich and East Suffolk
 - Survey businesses and young people to understand needs and aspirations
 - Survey running until 31 March 2017
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Skills Survey (Business)

- 13 participants
- Highlighting:
 - Lack of funding for training
 - Lack of commitment from providers



Skills Survey (YP)

- 1,400+ participants
- Highlighting:
 - Skills Needs
 - Career Aspirations
 - Provision Gaps



Addressing Needs

- Businesses to highlight future needs
- Young people to be aware of business future needs
- Provide a high quality talent pool in West Suffolk to attract inward investment



'Be ready for these jobs' - Wind farm developer expects to create 160 jobs... by 2023

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Vattenfall, the developer of two major wind farms off the coast of Norfolk, has announced a round of public engagement days. Photo credit: Gareth Fuller/PA Wire

Training providers have been put on alert to ensure young people can take advantage of the jobs being created in the renewable energy industry over the next generation.

Industrial Strategy

1. Problems with basic skills
 2. Shortage of high-skilled technicians
 3. STEM skills shortage
 4. Sector specific Skills
 5. Careers guidance
 6. Lifelong learning
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West Suffolk Actions

- Explore our specific needs from young people and businesses
- Engage with WSC STEM Centre
- Further understanding of other “off the radar” demographics i.e.
 - Mothers returning to work
 - Work at home/sole traders
 - Retraining opportunities