

READY, SET, APPRENTICESHIPS

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Apprenticeships Suffolk is an impartial and completely free service being offered by Suffolk County Council as part of their strategic aim to increase the quality and quantity of apprenticeships within the county, thereby supporting business and economic growth. We have been awarded funding by the European Social Fund (ESF) to deliver a 3-year project to identify Apprenticeship opportunities, provide employer focused advice and guidance, and actively promote Apprenticeship opportunities to support employment in Suffolk.

Welcome back to Ready, Set, Apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships Suffolk have been operational for 11 months and have continuously supported SMEs and aspiring apprentices across Suffolk. Over the last 11 months, we have engaged with **139 employers**, of these **supported 60** and from this created **96 apprenticeship opportunities**. We have had **22 successful apprenticeship starts**. In total we have had **190 participant enquiries**, supporting **80 into alternative education, employment, and training**.

England are progressing forward on the Government's roadmap out of Lockdown. On Monday 12th April we welcomed back the opening of non-essential retail shops, personal care businesses; including hair and beauty salons, most outdoor attractions, indoor leisure including gyms and outdoor hospitality.

As we continue to ease out of Lockdown and more businesses are re-opening their doors, there is no better time to consider recruiting an apprentice. Apprenticeships Suffolk are keen to support local businesses with their apprenticeship journey. If you would like to find out more about employing an apprentice please email:

apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



We would like to acknowledge **Munchy Seeds** who are now recruiting for a **Degree Level** apprentice. They are looking to recruit a **Level 6 Food Industry Technical Professional**.

THE GULL WING PROJECT

Apprenticeships Suffolk are excited to announce that we are supporting Farrans Construction in recruiting multiple apprentices to work on the Gull Wing Project in Lowestoft. Farrans are recruiting multiple **Level 6 Civil Engineering and Site Management Apprentices**, multiple **Level 6 Construction Quantity Surveyor Apprentices** and a **Level 3 Business Administrator Apprentice**.

The Gull Wing is an iconic and important bridge for Lowestoft, being delivered by Suffolk County Council and built by Farrans Construction. Opening in 2023, the bridge will be a much-needed third crossing over the town's Lake Lothing. The Gull Wing will reduce traffic congestion in the town, regenerate the area and attract new investment for the local economy.




**GULL WING
LOWESTOFT**

FARRANS
A CRH COMPANY

HIRING AN OLDER APPRENTICE

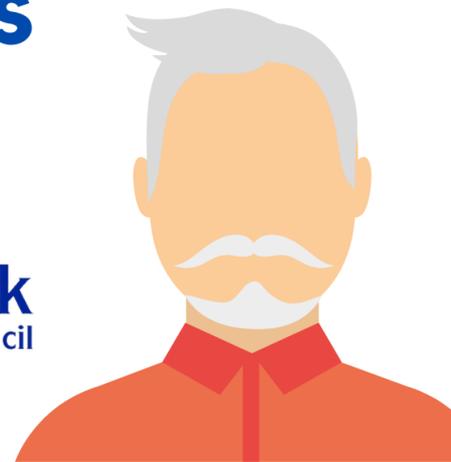
Have you considered recruiting an older apprentice? There is no age limit on apprenticeships. As an employer, you can offer a valuable opportunity to somebody, no matter their age.

With the current National incentives on offer, now is the perfect opportunity to recruit an apprentice. So why not hire an older apprentice who is wanting to retrain into a new career? The government are awarding employers a **£3000 payment** per new apprentice, regardless of an apprentices age.

For more information about hiring an older apprentice and the incentives please email: apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk

**You are never
too old to learn
something new**

**Apprenticeships
are for all ages**



SUFFOLKS RISING STARS

READY TO RECRUIT?

West Suffolk	Central Suffolk	East Suffolk
IT/Computing	Catering	Plumbing
	Warehouse	Construction
	Trades	Business Admin
	Telecommunication/IT	Animal Care
	Bricklaying/Construction	Digital Marketing
	Retail	Health and Social Care
	Painting and Decorating	Hairdressing
	Mechanics	Estate Agent
	Chef	Interior Design
	Woodland Work	Engineering
	Business Admin/Estate Agent	
	Sports Coach	
	Customer Service	



Our rising stars who are ready and eager for an apprenticeship opportunity. We have listed their vocational interest and where they are based within Suffolk. If you can offer an opportunity to one of our rising stars, please get in touch: apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk

ACCESS TO APPRENTICESHIPS

Access to Apprenticeships is now available for SME businesses who are actively working with Apprenticeships Suffolk and considering recruiting a new apprentice. This grant is designed to remove barriers that may be preventing aspiring apprentices finding an employer. We are offering the following two packages to support your apprentice during their apprenticeship journey:

Additional Equipment

Wage Enhancement which can support travel costs and subsistence

The upfront payment which is awarded following learning being opened will assist with start-up costs for the employer and benefiting the apprentice. For more information please email Apprenticeships@suffolk.gov.uk

GOVERNMENT UPDATES

ESFA UPDATE FURTHER EDUCATION 21/04/2021

Click [here](#) to see the latest update from ESFA for further education on the GOV.UK website.

HOW TO REGISTER AND USE THE APPRENTICESHIP SERVICE

Click [here](#) for guidance on how to use the apprenticeship service (TAS) to access funds to pay for apprenticeship training on the GOV.UK website.

APPRENTICESHIP FUNDING RULES AND GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYERS

Click [here](#) for guidance that applies to all employers participating in the apprenticeship programme regarding funding rules on the GOV.UK website.

HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

Click [here](#) to find out more on Higher and Degree Apprenticeships on the GOV.UK website.

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