

East Sussex has been successful in its bid to become one of 20 Career Hub pilots across the country. The Careers Hub will expand on the work East Sussex County Council and Skills East Sussex are doing with secondary schools, special schools and colleges through our Enterprise Adviser network to support improvements in careers provision, and in particular focus on supporting schools and colleges to meet the Gatsby Benchmarks of good careers guidance, and improve outcomes for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

We will soon be recruiting a Careers Hub lead who will work with Enterprise Coordinators and Enterprise Advisers over the next 2 years to help schools and colleges identify gaps through the Compass tool, and provide training and support to improve their careers provision. The Hub will have access to a central Hub Fund to support activities and interventions to improve student access to employers and to promote work readiness, and expand on projects such as:

- Industry Champions – increasing the network from local businesses who have committed to supporting careers and enterprise activities in schools and colleges by taking part in careers fairs, giving talks, running workshops, providing work experience and mentoring
- Open Doors – an initiative encouraging businesses to open their doors to allow students to visit and learn more about the world of work
- Apprenticeship roadshows – events giving young people and their parents and carers a chance to talk to prospective employers and apprenticeship training providers
- Resources and training to support young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to access Supported Internships and Apprenticeships
- Training and resources to support schools, special schools and colleges to improve their provision against the Gatsby benchmarks.

A virtual wallet of opportunities will be made available to schools in the county, and we are awaiting further information about this.

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