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Welcome to the January edition of our Sussex LSIP e-newsletter



The Sussex Trailblazer LSIP report and associated Future Skills Sussex Improvement Framework can be found on the [Sussex Chamber's website](#).

**We would like to wish all our stakeholders a
Happy and Prosperous New Year**



LSIP Skills Provider Survey - Call to action!



As a reminder, the skills provider survey is still open until Monday 16 January

Many thanks to those providers that have already completed the survey. However, we would welcome further responses to support and inform the refresh of the LSIP, which will then support your provision planning, collaborate between education and skills providers and employers and innovation to meet the current and future skills needs in Sussex.

The survey consists of 20 questions which should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. We would be grateful for your contributions.

Please [click here](#) to begin the survey

LSIP Key Sector Deep Dive Workshops



In January we will be holding a series of virtual subgroup sessions to share and discuss the findings and initial recommendations from all this work. Please see below for dates and how to book onto these events.

Employer Workshops

There will be six employer focused workshops for each of the key sector deep dives the LSIP project is looking into aimed at discussing the key findings from the deep dives with local employers.

Click on the links below to book your place:

[Health & Care](#) - Tuesday 24 January 2023 – 11:00 PM – 12:30 PM

[Construction](#) - Tuesday 24 January 2023 – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

[Creative & Cultural](#) - Wednesday 25 January 2023 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

[Visitor & Hospitality](#) - Thursday 26 January 2023 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

[Engineering & Manufacturing](#) - Friday 27 January 2023 – 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

[Land Based](#) - Friday 27 January 2023 – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Skills Provider Workshops

Following on from the employer workshops we will be holding three virtual workshops for skills and education providers across the area. These workshops aim to discuss the key finding from the deep dives, as well as the feedback received from the employer workshops.

Click on the links below to book your place:

[Engineering & Manufacturing / Land Based / Digital](#) - Tuesday 31 January 2023 – 11.30 AM – 1.00 PM

[Construction / Creative & Cultural](#) - Wednesday 1 February 2023 – 11.30 AM – 1.00 PM

[Visitor & Hospitality / Health & Care](#) - Thursday 2 February 2023 – 12.30 PM – 2.00 PM

If you have any queries, please email skills@sussexchamberofcommerce.co.uk

Please do share this information with your networks.

Partner Focus



This month's partner focus provides information from The Digital Futures West Sussex programme and Northbrook College's 'Future You' Careers event

The Digital Futures West Sussex programme

Three local business owners have been selected as ambassadors for Digital Futures West Sussex - a new programme launched to improve access to digital careers in the county.

The three digital ambassadors are Luke Mead, chief executive of LMS Group in Chichester, Mark Bullen, managing director of GB Electronics in Worthing, and Barney Durrant, director of Bluebell Digital in East Grinstead.

Each ambassador will play a key role in supporting businesses in their local area to attract talented jobseekers, as well as supporting jobseekers with guidance on suitable entry routes to digital jobs and showcasing the benefits of a digital career in the county.

To find out more about Digital Futures West Sussex and how to get involved, please visit:
www.digitalfuturesws.co.uk



Northbrook College's 'Future You' Careers event

Northbrook College is hosting a 'Future You' Careers event and we would like you to be part of it!

Come and talk to our students about your organisation and the career / future opportunities that you would like to promote.

The college would also welcome business providers the opportunity to present to students as part of a schedule throughout the day.

Thursday 9 February 2023 at 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Northbrook Metropolitan College, Broadwater Road, Worthing, United Kingdom

[Click here](#) to book a place.



Sussex Chamber Events



At the Chamber we hold many events for our members and also non-members. They are a great opportunity to hear about business and sectorial topics and network with others.

We are holding the following events that are available to book on our [Events Gallery](#) on the Sussex Chamber website:

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion - Thursday 19 January 2023 - 08:00 AM - 10:30 AM - Tottington Manor Hotel, Henfield

It is good business practice for organisations to promote equality and diversity. Understand how the law impacts on all aspects of equality and diversity in the workplace and how the opinions and prejudices of individuals can influence those around them.

It will be a chance to hear **Razia Aziz, Director of The Equality Academy** and **Harry Sherrard**, the Principal from **Sherrards Employment Law Solicitors** relay their expertise on this subject.

Benefits and Takeaways

- Enhance awareness of what is meant by equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Enhance your understanding of how the law impacts on equality and diversity.
- Gain an understanding of what your organisation can do to promote best practice in this area.

The Ultimate Sussex Network - Tuesday 24 January 2023 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Basepoint Business Centre, Crawley

If you're looking to connect with some of the very best local businesses, then The Ultimate Sussex Network is *THE* business networking event to attend. It will be a great chance to meet with other businesses and grow your connections across the region.

How does it work?

You will get a quick introduction from the Chamber team to welcome you to the event and to keep things fresh, the format will vary from event to event. This could include a guest speaker or updates from the Chamber. The Sussex team will then help to make your networking experience as enjoyable as possible.

Construction Forum - Monday 13 March 2023 - 08:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Cottesmore Hotel Golf & Country Club, Pease Pottage

To ensure the construction sector continues to thrive in the Sussex area, we welcome you to join us at our quarterly Construction Forum. This forum will provide opportunities for all organisations trading in the construction and property sectors to showcase their business whilst providing opportunities for potential trade and connections with other organisations.

Topics to be covered

- Residential & Commercial opportunities
- Financial and Environmental impacts
- B1 office space availability
- Services, Infrastructure & Investment