

East Sussex County Council approves 2-year funding for the TRANSFORM Service for East Sussex employers

East Sussex County Council has approved 2 years of funding for the TRANSFORM Service for East Sussex employers, after its European Social Fund project funding came to an end in December 2023. The Transform Project supported over 180 East Sussex employers with workforce development, providing impartial advice on apprenticeships and other funded skills training.

The new TRANSFORM Service is already receiving referrals and will be providing a full service from the beginning of June 2024, with slightly reduced capacity until then.

The TRANSFORM Service includes the opportunity to speak to an apprenticeship and skills specialist, who will support employers to:

- identify skills gaps and provide impartial advice on appropriate apprenticeship and skills training programmes
- choose a provider
- apply for apprenticeship levy transfer to cover the full cost of apprenticeship training
- set up and manage their employer's Apprenticeship Service account

The TRANSFORM Service particularly welcomes enquiries from employers in the following Skills East Sussex priority sectors:

- Construction and Civil Engineering
- Creative, Cultural, Digital and Media
- Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing
- Health and Social Care
- Visitor and Cultural Economy
- Land, Agriculture and Environmental

And additionally, the wider priorities of Education, Energy & Utilities, Finance and Professional, Scientific & Technical.

Businesses and organisations from all sectors can access the TRANSFORM Online Toolkit [here](#) and those from priority sectors can contact Suzanne at TRANSFORM@eastsussex.gov.uk.

“The assistance and advice given by TRANSFORM has been invaluable. The guidance through the various processes has helped enormously. There are so many steps to take in order to make sure everything was done correctly. TRANSFORM has helped us navigate some unfamiliar business terrain and made sure that we have had everything in place to find an apprentice and run our business successfully. We have also been signposted to some really useful & relevant resources. We couldn't be happier with the service & friendly advice given.”