

Sussex Skills 25 Conference

Sussex Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP)

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Sussex Local Skills Improvement Plan – Successes so Far



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Claire leads the Sussex LSIP and her own consultancy, building on senior roles across FE, skills, and workforce development over the past 25 years.



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Kirsten is a consultant and ICF-accredited coach with 20 years' leadership experience, currently Strategic Lead for the Sussex LSIP.

Delivering Change Together

- Part of the national LSIP programme – employer voice driving skills planning
- Sussex-wide partnership led by Sussex Chamber of Commerce
- Align training with business needs, boost productivity, and create real opportunities for learners of all ages
- Building momentum ahead of devolution and greater local decision-making



Collaboration & Culture Change

- Colleges and providers now working together, not in silos
- New joint CPD and shared immersive teaching facilities (VR/AR)
- Stronger collaboration between education and business – deeper, more consultative conversations shaping provision



Innovation in Skills Delivery

- £4.5m Local Skills Improvement Fund invested in new programmes
- Sussex Centres for Entrepreneurship & Business Leadership established
- New tools & tech transforming learning and employability:
 - Landed app – jobs, apprenticeships & work experience matching
 - Body swaps VR – soft skills training for students
 - Immersive Classrooms rolled out across Sussex



Real Impact Across Sussex Sectors



Health & Care – New career pathways & bootcamps launched



Creative & Cultural – Modular training and digital bootcamps created



Construction – Green & retrofit skills training expanded



Engineering & Manufacturing – T Levels & STEM initiatives growing talent



Digital – Sussex & Surrey IoT + advanced tech bootcamps



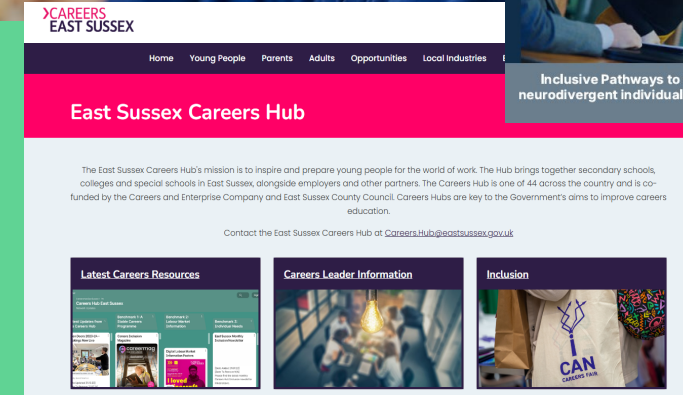
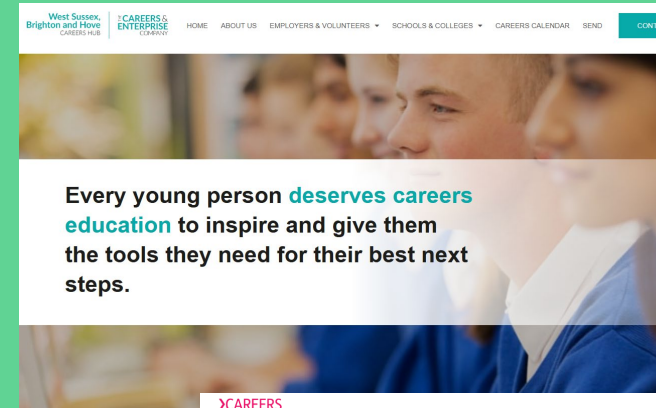
Visitor Economy – Hospitality Skills Passport simplifying recruitment



Land-based – Wine, AI, and mobile training for rural employers

Raising the Profile & Unlocking Opportunities

- Four Sussex colleges graded “Strong” on Contribution to Skills by Ofsted
- Careers campaigns and new websites expanding reach e.g. Careers Brighton & Hove & Careers West Sussex added to Careers East Sussex
- Inclusion at the heart: EDI research, neurodiversity pathways, Disability Confident promotion



Connect with us

- We've achieved a lot - but success relies on continued **employer engagement**
- Businesses shape the training offer - **your voice matters**
- Together we can build a workforce ready for Sussex's future growth



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