

Sussex Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) - E-newsletter ✨

September 2023

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Sussex** ✨



Welcome to the **September 2023** edition of our Sussex LSIP E-newsletter

In this month's edition we will be covering:

- **Future Skills Sussex - LSIP Launch Event**
- **A reminder of our opportunities to work on the Sussex LSIP project**
- **Our partner focus**
- **Upcoming Sussex Chamber events**



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Local Skills Improvement Plan Launch

 University of Sussex

 6th October 2023

 09:00AM-12:30PM

We'd like to remind all our employer partners that we'll be holding the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) Launch event on 6 October at University of Sussex.

The event is an opportunity to celebrate the Secretary of State's approval of the Sussex LSIP report and all the collaborative partnership work that's taken place to develop this Sussex-wide approach to addressing skills gaps and taking forward the skills priorities required by businesses.

It will be an **opportunity for businesses to network** with skills providers and other partners **regarding their recruitment and skills needs**, as well as keep up the **conversations around the challenges that employers want the LSIP to address** through their links with government and local strategic organisations.

The event will also include **sessions on how partners are responding to the recommendations in the LSIP to support businesses** with their recruitment and skills needs. It will also include **information on the continuing work of the Chamber's LSIP team to ensure your business needs are articulated and action happens to bring about changes.**

The LSIP will support and benefit businesses across the Sussex area by:

- **Improve productivity and fill skills gaps with locally grown talent**
- **Create international competitiveness**
- **Increase economic growth**
- **Strengthen links between employers and further education and providers**
- **Place employers at the heart of defining local skills needs**
- **Improve the skills system which will be crucial to building an agile and adaptable workforce**
- **Support people to get the skills our economy needs and give them opportunities to progress in their careers.**
- **Make sure people can access training and learning flexibly throughout their lives**
- **Support growth industries**

This is your opportunity as a local employer to be involved in shaping the local skills provision for your sector and ensure a skilled workforce now and for the future.

To join us to celebrate this free launch event, please book your place [here](#) or email skills@sussexchamberofcommerce.co.uk

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Sussex LSIP project - Opportunities to work with us ✨

REMINDER - Our opportunity to join the LSIP team on a freelance basis closes on **Friday 22 September!** Details about this and how to apply can be found below:

Following the successful development of the Sussex LSIP report and associated annexes, Sussex Chamber has now been designated as the Employer Representative Body to take forward the LSIP recommendations and actions across Sussex during the next few years.

As part of the future LSIP activities we will commence work on the skills priorities and solutions identified within the [Future Skills Sussex Improvement Framework](#), our three year action plan.

To undertake these activities, Sussex Chamber is commencing procurement to engage external experts to join the Sussex LSIP team. There are two exciting opportunities:

- **Stakeholder Engagement Lead for the Land-based sector and Health & Care sector**
- **Intelligence & Conversations Projects Lead**

To view the procurement briefs and find out how to apply, please see our [website](#).

If you do have any questions then please do contact us via skills@sussexchamberofcommerce.co.uk

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Partner Focus



CALLING ALL EMPLOYERS - Invitation to participate in the Connected Futures Employer Survey

On behalf of CXK, we are delighted to introduce you to the Connected Futures research project. This transformative initiative, made possible through a grant from the Youth Futures Foundation's Connected Futures programme, is dedicated to exploring the barriers young adults in East Sussex and Hastings face when it comes to employment opportunities.

CXK is delivering the project, in partnership with East Sussex County Council and Hastings Borough Council, to identify the root causes of the employment barriers that young adults face in Hastings. By doing so, they aspire to effect positive change and make a lasting impact on the lives of young adults in our community.

As an employer, your insights and perspectives are invaluable to the project. You are therefore invited to participate in the Connected Futures Employer Survey.

The survey will only take approximately 5 minutes of your time and will gather information on the accessibility of the employment sector to young people, as well as the role employers play in addressing the challenges they encounter.

To participate in the survey, please click [here](#).

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to CXK at CFHastings@cxk.org.

By participating in the survey, you will help CXK gain a better understanding of the current landscape for young job seekers and pave the way for positive change in the lives of young adults in Hastings.

Thank you for considering this invitation. CXK sincerely appreciate your time and support.

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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:



We are delighted to announce that Sussex Chamber will be hold our third annual Construction Forum on 26 September. The focus will be on green energy and sustainability.

We do hope you can join us for the forum meeting, which will take place at the stunning Avisford Park Hotel situated between Chichester and Arundel on 89 acres of beautiful Sussex parkland. Join us in the Grand Hall for an exciting opportunity to learn from our keynote speakers and expand your industry knowledge while enjoying a full English breakfast.



This specialist face-to-face event will bring together some leading industry experts from the Sussex digital and technology sphere, in a series of talks on key areas, new ideas, best practices, and factors affecting of the industry. It will also be a fantastic opportunity to network with delegates representing businesses & education institutions, to aid collaboration and drive positive change across the county.

Speakers include:

- **Fionnuala Furmston** – Director, Enterprise & Public Bodies - **Cellnex UK**
- **Iain McKenna** - CEO - **Wired Sussex**

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