

## LAUNCH OF MAJOR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION CAPTURES TRANSFORMATION OF COLLEGE LIFE IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND

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Students<sup>1</sup> from across the East of England are being invited to bring to life the transformation of local colleges with the launch of a major new national photography competition today.

*Colleges on Camera*, an initiative from the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS), will celebrate the imaginative, world-class spaces that have been built across the country as part of the £2.3 billion *Building Colleges for the Future* programme.

A one-off prize, including a 'master-class' with renowned photographer Sir Colin Hampden-White for the winner and fellow students, plus a professional photography kit worth over £2,500, is up for grabs. The most creative images will also be published in leading architects' magazine, *The Architects' Journal*.

Sion Simon, Minister for Further Education, said: "This competition is a celebration of the transformation of Further Education colleges in the region and across the country. These new world-class facilities are having a positive impact on people's lives by providing high quality learning experiences for all. We want students attending colleges with new facilities to feel excited and inspired by these innovative new spaces and a photography competition presents the perfect opportunity to do this in a creative way."

To enter, students will be tasked with capturing the vibrant and diverse life of their college in one shot – whether it is interacting in the innovative new spaces, sharpening culinary

abilities in a professional kitchen, working with friends in a futuristic library, or showing how the college benefits employers and the local community.

A prestigious panel of judges from the worlds of photography, education and architecture, including Sunand Prasad, President of RIBA, and Wes Streeting, President of the National Union of Students, will be selecting the winning images. Entries should be emailed to [collegesoncamera@cohnwolfe.com](mailto:collegesoncamera@cohnwolfe.com) by 5pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Chris Banks, Chairman of the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), said: "Colleges are ultimately there to enhance people and communities and this competition celebrates the link between the physical building and the real impact on people's lives in an arresting and visual fashion.

"This is an opportunity for the people who use the new state-of-the-art facilities to show in a creative way the difference the investment has made to their lives and community."

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**Notes to Editors**

1. This press notice applies to England only.
2. Entries should be sent to: [collegesoncamera@cohnwolfe.com](mailto:collegesoncamera@cohnwolfe.com) or posted to Colleges on Camera, Cohn & Wolfe, Lynton House, 7-12 Tavistock Square, WC1H 9LT
3. All entries must include the entrant's full name, college name, age, a contact telephone number and 50 words explaining why they decided to enter the image.
4. Only one entry per person is permitted with a maximum of three images per entry. Any image that has been digitally manipulated will not be considered.
5. Terms and conditions apply. To receive a copy, please email [collegesoncamera@cohnwolfe.com](mailto:collegesoncamera@cohnwolfe.com)

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***The panel judging 'Colleges on Camera' comprises of:***

- Chris Banks - Chairman, LSC
- Kieran Long - Editor, The Architects' Journal
- Sunand Prasad - President, RIBA
- Sir Colin Hampden-White - renowned architectural and news photographer
- Wes Streeting - President, National Union of Students

***About Building Colleges for the Future:***

The Building Colleges for the Future programme aims to renew and modernise the Further Education Estate, to ensure world-class education and facilities for all. The Government and Learning and Skills Council's unprecedented £2.3 billion capital investment (between 2008/09 and

2010/11) is designed to create innovative facilities that ensure a high quality, inspiring, learning and teaching experience, to increase participation, attainment and raise standards across the Further Education sector.

**Learning and Skills Council:**

The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for ensuring the availability of high-quality education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to world class standards. Our vision is that young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. We work nationally, regionally and locally to deliver this ambition on behalf of learners and employers.

**Colleges in the East that have received Building Colleges for the Future Funding:**

- o Bedford College
- o Cambridge Regional College
- o Enfield College
- o Epping Forest College
- o Harlow College
- o Lowestoft College
- o The Sixth Form College Colchester
- o West Hertfordshire College
- o West Suffolk College

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<sup>1</sup> Only students from FE Colleges and NSAs that have benefited from Building Colleges for the Future funding will be eligible for entry.