

News release

LEAP Centres open across Suffolk

Three Learning and Enterprise Access Point (LEAP) Centres today opened their doors to the public for the first time in Halesworth, Mildenhall and Stowmarket. LEAP Centres offer free and impartial advice and guidance on gaining computer skills, learning for leisure, returning to study or work, higher education courses, improving qualifications and changing careers.

The LEAP project aims to improve access to education, training and skills across Suffolk and raise levels of education attainment by establishing local access points across the county. These new centres are based in local communities for easy access, are welcoming and friendly, with fantastic new facilities to encourage people to drop in and find out more. Many of the centres offer courses on site and can provide guidance on all levels of training and education.

The LEAP project is supported by a number of key agencies in Suffolk including the Learning and Skills Council Suffolk, EEDA, University Campus Suffolk, Suffolk Development Agency, West Suffolk College, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, Suffolk Connexions, Job Centre Plus, Suffolk County Council, Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership and Information Advice and Guidance Suffolk Network.

Judith Mobbs, Area Director of LSC Suffolk said: “The LEAP project is about bringing learning closer to everyone in Suffolk. I am delighted that the first three centres are ready to open and we expect the network to extend across the whole of Suffolk over the next two years, bringing the LEAP services into every community”

Anyone wanting to find out more about what is on offer should go along to their local LEAP Centre at Halesworth Library in Halesworth, the Learning Shop in Mildenhall or the Learning Shop in Stowmarket

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