

LOOKING FOR NEW DIRECTION?

**REALISE
FUTURE**S

Enhancing people's lives

**START WHERE YOU ARE, WE'LL
HELP YOU MOVE FORWARD**



**AUTUMN
TERM 2026**
LOWESTOFT





HOW TO BOOK



Call us on 0300 456 2050 (local rate). Alternatively visit a centre and speak to a member of staff.



You will receive a confirmation email with instructions on what you need to do next.



Many places on our courses are FREE so please contact us to see if you are eligible.



Start the course!
We look forward to seeing you.

OUR CENTRES...

...are local, friendly places where you can feel comfortable and relaxed while learning.

IPSWICH

Castle Hill Community Centre IP1 6DG
Pemberton House Learning Centre IP1 2AQ

BURY ST EDMUNDS

Learning Centre at Bury Library IP33 1TZ

STOWMARKET

Stowmarket Learning Centre IP14 1AB

LOWESTOFT

Lowestoft Learning Centre NR32 1PA

NEWMARKET

Foley House Learning Centre CB8 0HY



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ESSENTIAL SKILLS

English, Maths and ESOL

We have courses in English and maths, which will help you develop your confidence and skills, as well as gaining a qualification.

We offer Functional Skills qualifications in English and maths up to and including Level 2.

We have courses in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), which will help you develop your skills in speaking & listening, reading and writing in English.

The qualifications we offer are ESOL Skills for Life up to and including Level 2.

Please note that you must attend a Get Ready session before being placed on a course. Get Ready sessions will run 3 times a year ready for the next intake.





DIGITAL SKILLS

LEARNING TO LEARN ONLINE

With so many more learning opportunities taking place online, both with us and other providers, these workshops and courses can be the perfect first step to support you as you start your new learning adventure!

LAPTOPS AND INTERNET

If you do not have easy access to your own laptop/computer or the internet, then we can loan you equipment so you can fully engage in your learning. Whether yours is an online course or a course in one of our centres, we can lend you a laptop and/or a portable device to connect to the internet as well as the technical support to use it!

“I have been using my laptop more at home with confidence”

DIGITAL SKILLS



GET READY FOR DIGITAL SKILLS

Get Ready for Digital Skills is a short assessment session which will allow you, and us, to understand your current skill level and learning goals. The assessment will take roughly 45 minutes, and on completion, we will explain the courses that are available and then guide you on which is best for you to start your digital journey.

Speak to us about the next session running near you.

Our digital courses include:



STARTING OUT IN DIGITAL SKILLS

24HRS

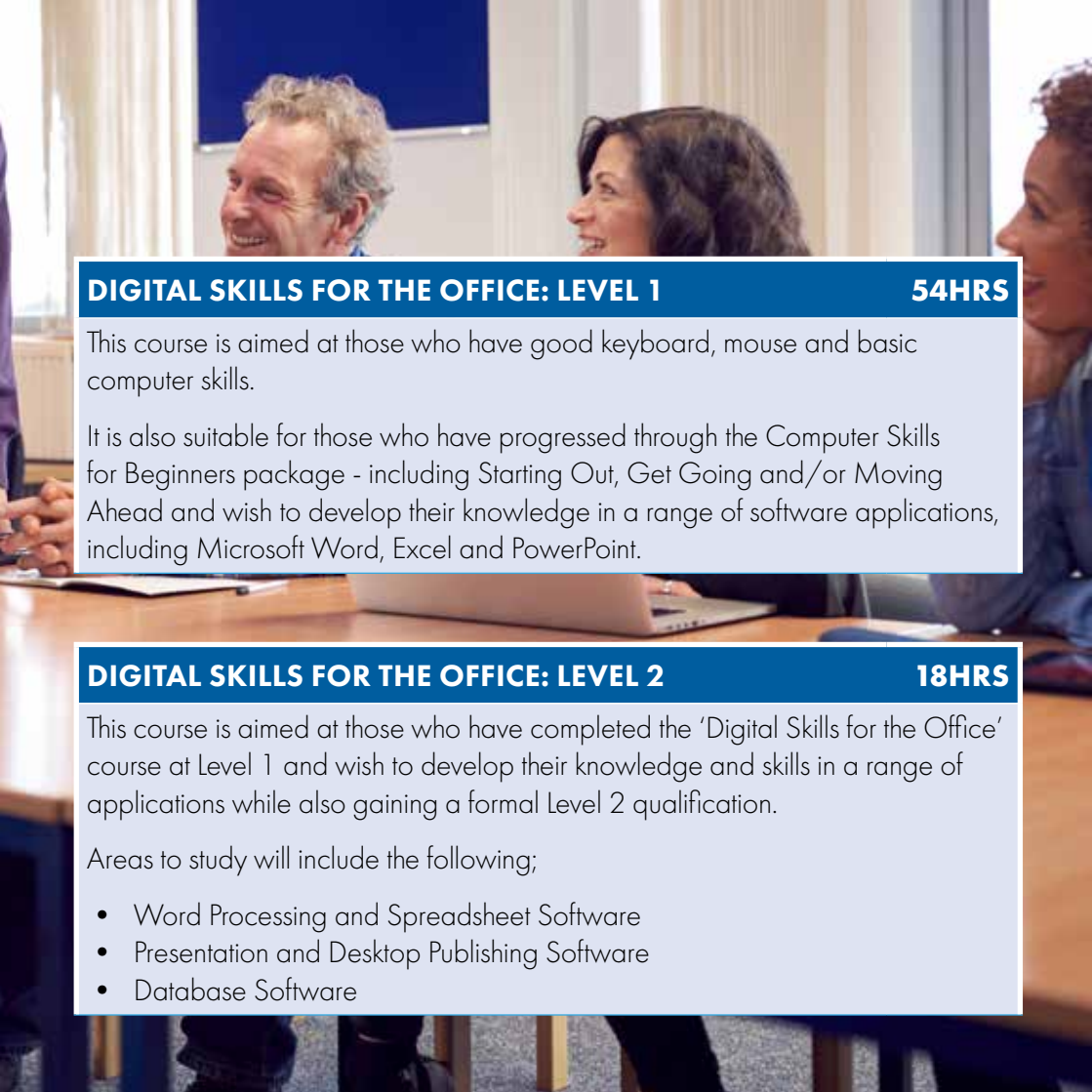
On this course, you will learn the essentials to get you started in creating simple documents, sending emails and searching and using the internet safely.

GET GOING IN DIGITAL SKILLS

48HRS

This course is free to anybody that does not have a current level 1 digital qualification. On this course you will:

- Create, save, print and retrieve documents
 - Use the internet and search engines to find information
 - Send emails with attachments
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A photograph of three people (two men and one woman) sitting around a table, smiling and looking towards the right. They appear to be in a meeting or collaborative work environment. The background shows a window with blinds and a blue wall.

DIGITAL SKILLS FOR THE OFFICE: LEVEL 1

54HRS

This course is aimed at those who have good keyboard, mouse and basic computer skills.

It is also suitable for those who have progressed through the Computer Skills for Beginners package - including Starting Out, Get Going and/or Moving Ahead and wish to develop their knowledge in a range of software applications, including Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

DIGITAL SKILLS FOR THE OFFICE: LEVEL 2

18HRS

This course is aimed at those who have completed the 'Digital Skills for the Office' course at Level 1 and wish to develop their knowledge and skills in a range of applications while also gaining a formal Level 2 qualification.

Areas to study will include the following;

- Word Processing and Spreadsheet Software
- Presentation and Desktop Publishing Software
- Database Software

WORK SKILLS

INTRODUCTION TO SKILLS FOR WORKING AS A BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR

3HRS

This introductory workshop will identify if this vocation is for you. You will explore the job opportunities available within the business and administration sector, identify what communication skills you consider to be important, and will focus on your interests and aspirations for starting a career pathway with the Skills for Working as a Business Administrator Level 1 course.

9/11/2026

10am - 1pm

Lowestoft Learning Centre

SKILLS FOR WORKING IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: LEVEL 1

70HRS

On this 13-week course you will learn the essential skills required to start a career in business and administration, as well as acquiring a range of transferable skills which apply in other sectors, such as retail. You will complete various units including digital marketing, customer service skills and communication skills for work. On completion, you will achieve a Gateway Level 1 Certificate in Business & Retail.

23/11/26 - 22/2/27

9:30am - 3:30pm

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SKILLS FOR WORKING IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: LEVEL 2

120HRS

This course is aimed at those who have previously completed a Level 1 qualification in Business Administration and wishing to advance their learning and understanding to a higher level. The course will also benefit those who have had prior experience, wishing to upskill and gain a qualification in this area to improve job prospects.

10/9/26 - 10/12/26

9:30am - 2:30pm

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INTRODUCTION TO STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

3HRS

This workshop will help you decide whether self-employment is right for you and provides an introduction to the longer course, where you can develop your ideas further and create a business plan with confidence.

Whether you already have a business idea or you're starting with a blank page, you'll learn what it takes to run a successful business, discover your own strengths, and explore ideas in a supportive environment.

7/9/2026

10am - 1pm

Lowestoft Learning Centre

WORK SKILLS

HEALTH AND CARE WORKSHOP

3HRS

Have you considered working in the health and social care sector? This short three-hour workshop will identify if this vocation is for you. You will look at the skills and qualities required for working in this sector and identify your own transferrable skills.

10/9/2026

10am - 1pm

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AWARD IN PREPARING TO WORK IN HEALTH AND CARE: LEVEL 1

40HRS

This accredited course aims to equip all learners with the skills and knowledge to start out in a successful career in the health and social care industry. The course will provide you with the skills and knowledge to provide high standards of person-centered care for adults who access these services. This course is delivered two days a week for a total of 26 sessions.

This course consists of nine modules, which will be delivered using a range of presentation styles and fun activities for learners to engage in. Laptop loans are available on request.

24/9/26 - 19/11/26

10am - 3pm

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AWARD IN DEVELOPING CUSTOMER SERVICE SKILLS FOR RETAIL: LEVEL 1

16HRS

This course is designed to help you build confidence and develop practical customer service skills, while also gaining a strong understanding of what good customer service looks like in real working environments. You will explore why high quality customer service is vital within various sectors, including retail, and how your behaviour and communication can directly influence customer experience.

26/10/26 - 16/11/26

10am - 2pm

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SKILLS FOR DEVELOPING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

36HRS

This course is designed to help you explore whether working for yourself could be the right choice for you. Whether you already have a business idea or are starting fresh, you will learn what it takes to run a business, discover your strengths, and build confidence in a supportive environment. By the end of the course, you will have developed a clear business idea and created a basic plan to guide your next steps. On successful completion of the course, you will receive a Level 1 Award in Exploring Enterprise.

14/9/26 - 19/10/26

10am - 4pm

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WORK SKILLS

SKILLS FOR LISTENING & COUNSELLING WORKSHOP

3HRS

This workshop will provide you with a basic understanding of active listening skills. You will also get to learn the difference between helping, giving advice and counselling. Once you have attended this workshop, you will be able to progress onto the 'Award in Counselling Skills: Level 1 course'.

9/9/2026

10am - 1pm

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AWARD IN COUNSELLING SKILLS: LEVEL 1

30HRS

Are you considering moving into a career in Counselling?

This course will help you gain more understanding of counselling and listening skills. Come along, explore and develop your practical skills in active listening and theoretical knowledge of counselling.

Attending the 3-hour workshop will help you prepare for this course.

23/9/26 - 2/12/26

10am - 1pm

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"A really welcoming class."

INTRODUCTION TO WORKING IN CHILDCARE WORKSHOP

3HRS

Interested in finding out more about working in childcare?

This introductory workshop will give you an insight into our Level 1 Childcare course. You'll learn about the childcare sector and explore some of the knowledge and skills need-ed for further learning and future employment. Topics include health and safety when working with young children, supporting learning through activities, and exploring childcare as a career option.

11/9/2026	9:15am - 12:15pm	Online via Microsoft Teams
8/9/2026	9:15am - 12:15pm	Lowestoft Learning Centre

WORKING IN CHILDCARE: LEVEL 1

70HRS

This course will give you a broad introduction to working in the Childcare Sector, equipping you with knowledge and skills specific to this sector. This course is designed to support progression to further learning and ultimately to work in childcare. You will build a portfolio to evidence your learning and achievement.

22/9/26 - 12/1/27	9:15am - 2:15pm	Lowestoft Learning Centre
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WORK SKILLS

CHANGING SEASONS - THE ALLOTMENT

30HRS

If you enjoy a challenge, being outside and keeping healthy, or want to improve your health and wellbeing then this course is for you! This is a practical hands-on course that will teach you some of the basic skills needed to create and maintain an allotment plot.

As we move from Summer into Autumn it is the main harvest time on the allotment, also a time to dig and clear plots to sow and plant winter hardy crops and green manures. No previous experience required but a willingness to participate in a range of outdoor activities.

8/9/26 - 17/11/26

10am - 1pm

Realise Futures Allotment

**“Since attending my course
I’ve got confidence to do
more learning.”**



Upcoming courses! Register your interest to be notified when courses begin

AWARD IN SKILLS FOR LOGISTICS: LEVEL 1

54HRS

On this course you will expand your knowledge of the logistics sector to support progression to employment, to an apprenticeship or to further study at a higher level. There are two main parts to this course: route planning, the importance of route planning, benefits of route planning and technologies used in route planning in the smooth running of a business.

CREATIVE DIGITAL SKILLS

50HRS

This course will introduce you to the many ways design is used in business and the range of jobs from graphic design to window display, to packaging design to creating websites. Develop your design skills using different media such as software to create, manipulate and edit your own work. You will learn how to present and promote your work and investigate suitable jobs in this sector.

**“I have used my skills to help
with my new job”**



LEARNING TOGETHER

Our workshops and courses run in partnership with schools and family hubs across Suffolk. If you are a parent of a baby, or child at primary school, then our free family courses are a wonderful way to build your confidence and support your child.

- Take time to explore through play and everyday activities ways to support the healthy development of your child
- Meet likeminded families and enjoy their support and friendship
- Gain a better understanding of the schools curriculum and the early years foundation stage so you are informed and a step ahead

All our courses involve hands on activities, laughter and lots of time for you to develop confidence and ask questions. If you are interested in joining our workshops and courses please speak to someone at your local family hub or child's school or contact us directly.

CAREER, EDUCATION, INFORMATION, ADVICE & GUIDANCE SUPPORTING YOUR FUTURE

Meet with our advisor in one of your courses to discuss your options

Our service includes the following:

- National Careers Service and skills assessment
- Futures for You – 1-to-1 sessions
- Realise Futures Directory
- Volunteering
- Local jobs information
- Indeed job search
- Apprenticeships



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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CONFIDENCE AND WELLBEING

10HRS

This course will support you in better understanding how your personal wellbeing is affected by your levels of confidence and self-esteem. During the course you will explore your personal levels of confidence and self-esteem and identify your barriers to feeling more confident. We will explore ways to build confidence and self-esteem, eg, assertiveness skills and create an action plan for continuing to build confidence and self-esteem in your life.

WELLBEING IN NATURE

10HRS

This course will help you explore the connection between mental wellbeing and being in nature and the outdoors. You will meet at the learning centre and then participate in outdoor activity. You will also learn about local free resources to support your wellbeing and make connections with other participants.

“Coming along to the course gave me a purpose for the first time in a long time”

CONFIDENCE IN USING A SLOW COOKER

10HRS

On completion of this course you will be gifted a slow cooker! The course gives you the opportunity to keep practicing at home and building on knowledge and skills gained on the course including: how to use a slow cooker; the cost benefits; the health and wellbeing benefits and healthy recipes that you could try yourself at home on completion of the course and receipt of your slow cooker.

CONFIDENCE TO DEAL WITH EVERYDAY HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING

10HRS

The aim of this course is to build your confidence to make everyday decisions about your personal finances. We will explore personal and household expenditure, building on personal budgeting skills, reducing anxiety around changes that may impact on your financial situation. We will discuss money saving tips and simple changes we can all make that can reduce your outgoings.

AWARD IN STRESS AWARENESS: LEVEL 1

18HRS

This course provides a clear and practical introduction to stress, exploring what stress is, why we experience it, and how it affects our wellbeing. You will learn to recognise common symptoms and causes of stress, understand its impact on daily life, and develop healthy strategies to manage and reduce it. The course also highlights how stress differs between individuals and where to access reliable Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) to support yourself and others.

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AWARD IN MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS: LEVEL 1

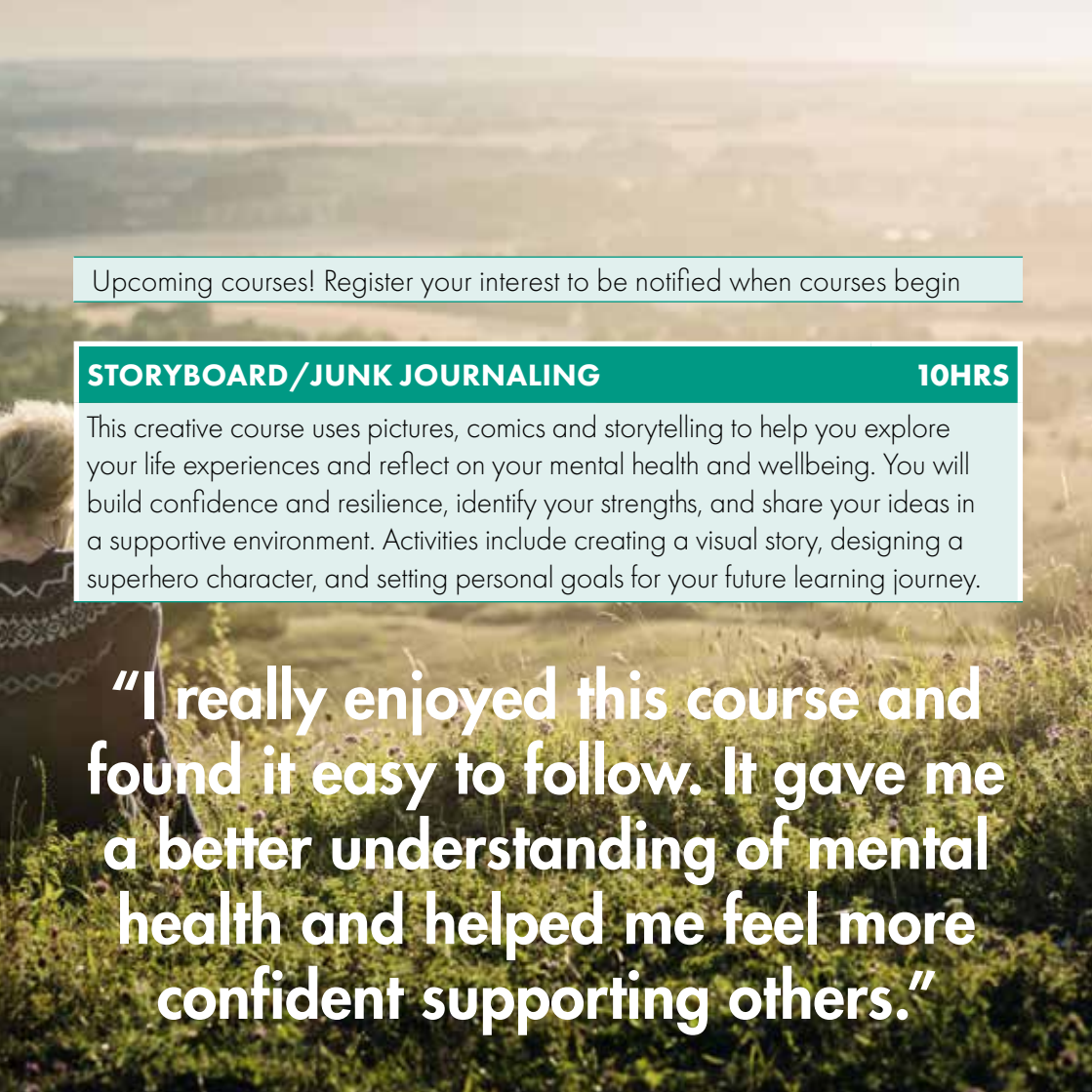
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Your tutor will take you through a variety of learning activities such as group discussion, workbooks, practical activities, pair work, and independent research. You will explore:

- What is meant by mental health
- Some of the social and personal effects of mental ill health
- Some of the responses to mental health issues
- The impact of cultural diversity in relation to mental health issues

AWARD IN MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS: LEVEL 2

This qualification is designed for learners who wish to develop their knowledge and understanding of mental health, mental wellbeing, and a range of common mental health conditions. It provides a natural progression route from Level 1 qualifications in Stress Awareness and Mental Health Awareness, enabling learners to build on their existing knowledge and gain a deeper understanding of factors that can affect mental health.



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STORYBOARD/JUNK JOURNALING

10HRS

This creative course uses pictures, comics and storytelling to help you explore your life experiences and reflect on your mental health and wellbeing. You will build confidence and resilience, identify your strengths, and share your ideas in a supportive environment. Activities include creating a visual story, designing a superhero character, and setting personal goals for your future learning journey.

“I really enjoyed this course and found it easy to follow. It gave me a better understanding of mental health and helped me feel more confident supporting others.”

ANGLIA CARE TRUST

Offer support to male and female victims of domestic abuse and provide accommodation for victims who are not eligible for traditional refuges.

Telephone: 0800 977 5690

Web: angliacaretrust.org.uk/services/community-safety

SAMARITANS

Provide emotional support to anyone struggling to cope, in emotional distress, or at risk of suicide.

Telephone: 116 123

Web: www.samaritans.org

RELATE

Provide advice & counselling on marriage, LGBT issues, divorce and parenting.

Telephone: 0300 100 1234

Web: www.relate.org.uk

FOOD BANKS

Find a foodbank in Suffolk by searching on the Suffolk Infolink website.

Web: infolink.suffolk.gov.uk

CITIZENS ADVICE

Offer confidential advice online, over the phone, and in person, for free.

Telephone: 0800 144 8848 (England)

Web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk (Online chat service provided)

TURNING POINT

We work with people who need support with drug and alcohol use, mental health, unemployment issues and people with a learning disability.

Telephone: 0300 123 0872

Web: www.turning-point.co.uk

DEBT SUPPORT TRUST

Debt Support Trust is a not-for-profit debt advice charity with trained, friendly debt advisors who can advise you on suitable debt solutions.

Telephone: 0800 085 0226

Web: www.debtsupporttrust.org.uk

NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

Provide information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work. We help with CVs, action plans & course searches.

Telephone: 0800 100 900 (Regional contact centre)

Web: www.nationalcareersservice.gov.uk

LEARNING DISABILITY / AUTISM IAG & PEER SUPPORT

Eligibility:

- Aged 19+
- Living in Suffolk
- Learning disability and / or autism
- In need of brief information, advice & guidance support or support to join a peer group

HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU



**SUPPORT WITH
FORMS**



**SIGNPOSTING /
REFERRING**



**GETTING READY
FOR WORK**



**ENGAGING WITH
OTHERS**

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