Sussex Learning Network

Champion brighter futures and fairer environments

Discover our free learning resources, events, websites and CPD courses

We're here to help

More than half (53%) of young people think their career prospects are getting worse.

(UCL Institute of Education, April 2021)

In today's tough climate it's vital that students feel inspired about their futures. It's also more important than ever that young people are helped to overcome any barriers they may face.

But with teaching time more pressured than ever, we know there isn't always the time to do either as effectively as you might want to.

So that's where we come in. Our Uni Connect programme is funded by the Office for Students and promotes learning, progression and careers opportunities for students across Sussex.

Each year we make hundreds of free learning resources, events and CPD courses available to make it easy for you and your team to champion brighter, fairer futures. Here we're introducing you to just a taster.

So why not grab yourself a cuppa and take 10 minutes to discover what's on offer?

We help educators like you across more than 70 educational and community organisations by providing direct funding as well as a wide range of events, resources and training opportunities.

Want to inspire exciting career moves?

Head to www.getcareerconfident.co.uk

There are so many exciting career roles and routes into them today that it can be overwhelming. If you want to enthuse students about their future options, make **www.getcareerconfident.co.uk**, your first port of call.

Here, you'll find engaging, practical content that can inspire classroom activities or be used by students to enhance their own research:

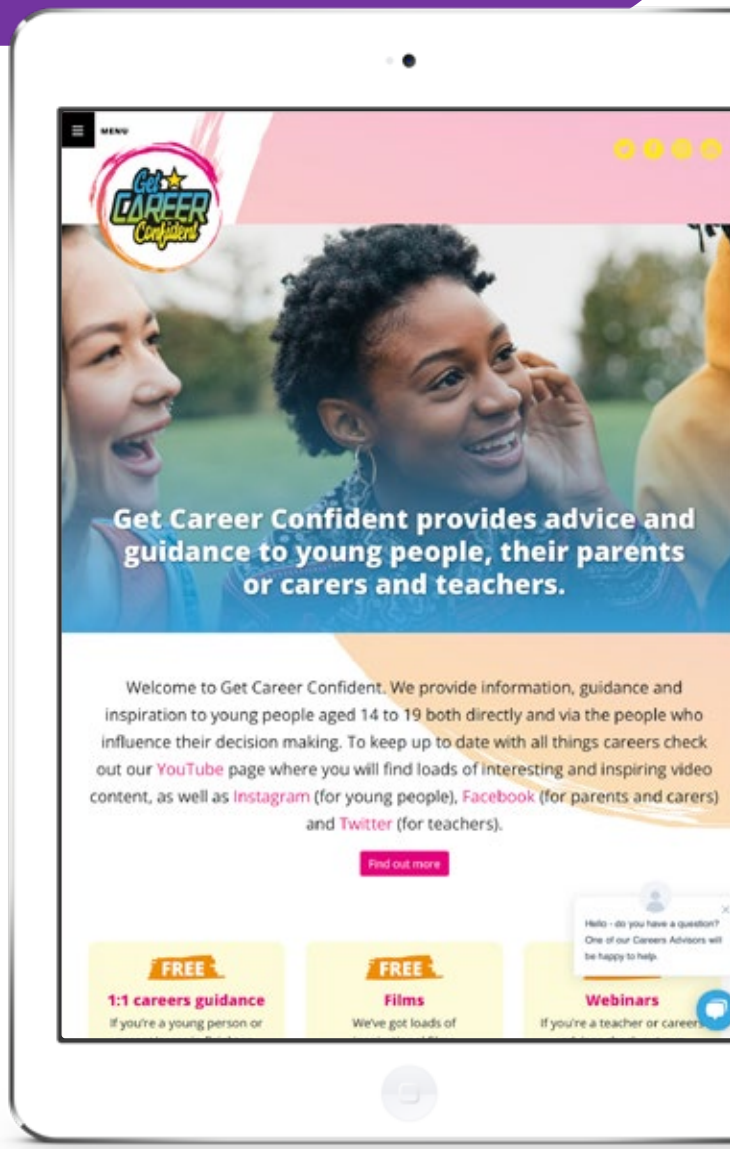
- Over 40+ inspiring 'SeeToBe' **careers videos** getcareerconfident.co.uk/resources/see-to-be-videos
- Easy-to-follow **CV templates** getcareerconfident.co.uk/students/downloads
- **'How To' films** on everything from understanding student finance to applying for WEX or an apprenticeship getcareerconfident.co.uk/resources/how-to-videos

Your students can also use the site to:

- Book their own **1:1 guidance** slot with one of our highly qualified careers advisors getcareerconfident.co.uk/parents/11-video-call
- Link directly to **careers advisors** via our Live Chat facility
- Download a booklet that takes them through the **key decisions** they'll need to make at 14, 16 and 18 getcareerconfident.co.uk/students/what-next-at-14-16-and-18-booklet

Find out about our annual virtual careers fair – **What Next Sussex?** – at getcareerconfident.co.uk/what-next-sussex.

It's the biggest careers event in the region and over 75% of students who attended last year said they had been inspired to succeed in their GCSEs.



Plus loads more content for you to discover...

Keen to help your students navigate big social issues?

Discover our interactive learning resources on www.sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk

In today's fast-changing world, helping your students understand and negotiate the huge societal shifts happening around them can be challenging.

Our expert-created resources provide you with 'press and play' lesson plans to help you inform and empower the young people around you. Whether you're looking for material to inspire a quick 10-minute debate or wanting to introduce transformational change, there's something for you:

Role Models resources: Peer-to-peer resources created by students for students, exploring topical life issues such as climate, body image, fake news and worry in an accessible, engaging way. sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk/lisetoolkits/Role-Models-Resource-Books

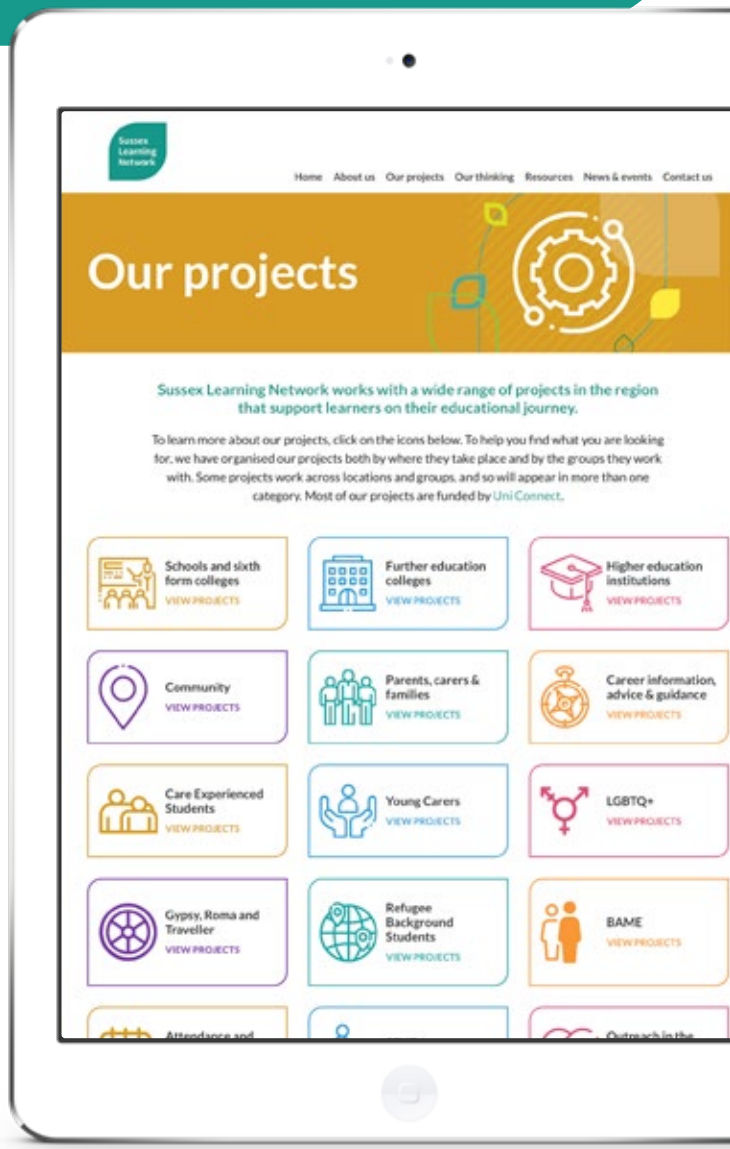
Microaggressions resources: Help your students explore what microaggressions are, the impact they have, and the role they can play in helping eradicate them in their learning environment. sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk/lisetoolkits/microaggressions-teaching-resource/43

Mentoring toolkits: Discover everything you need to know about setting up a peer-to-peer mentoring programme for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic students in your school or college. sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk/uploads/Documents/toolkits/Microaggression/Peer%20to%20Peer%20toolkit.pdf

Pay Index: Help your students research the potential financial rewards and implications of their chosen career pathways with accurate, up-to-date pay and employability data for thousands of roles. sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk/resources/the-pay-index

Did you know?

...that we have supported more than **17,895** learners across Sussex this year?



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Want to enhance your students' life, education and careers choices?

Head to our brand new information hub www.learning4lifesussex.org.uk

When you're looking to help young people work their way through important education, life and careers decisions, one of the hardest things can be knowing where to start or turn to. At times it feels like we're all drowning in information.

That's why we've created learning4lifesussex.org.uk. It's a new one-stop 'life hub' that guides you and your students through the very best information out there on learning, living and working. Here you'll find everything from where to find local youth groups, mental health support, working or volunteering opportunities to how to access jobs resources or plan your next education move.

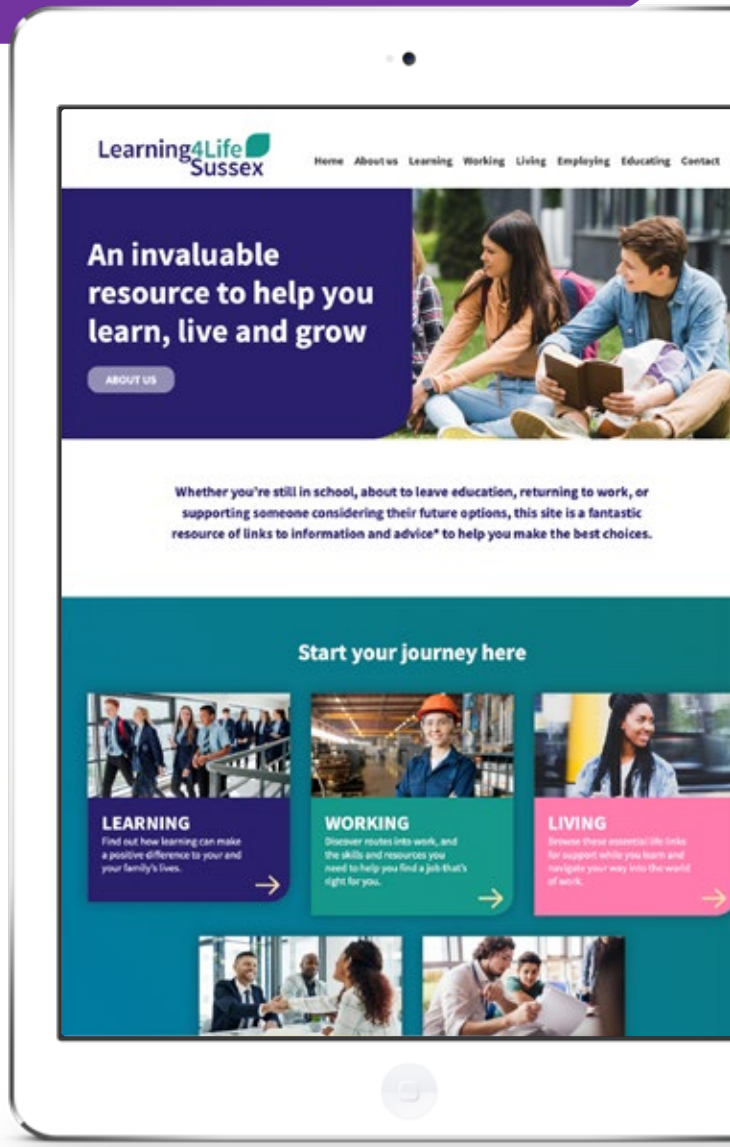
We've done all the curating and research to find the best information and support sources out there, so you don't have to!

The site is also home to a wealth of invaluable information for all those involved in education:

- Discover our full programme of free CPD events: learning4lifesussex.org.uk/educating/cpd-for-educators
- Find out how to support your under-represented learners: learning4lifesussex.org.uk/educating/under-represented-learners
- Decipher the latest careers, education and social policy terminology using our simple Jargon Buster: learning4lifesussex.org.uk/jargon-buster

Did you know?

www.learning4lifesussex.org.uk provides a springboard for discovering over 400 other carefully researched resources, websites and organisations.



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Explore the growing opportunities available in the green economy

Go to www.getcareerconfident.co.uk/greener-careers-sussex to discover what's on offer in this exciting sector

Over 1.2 million people are now employed in the rapidly growing green economy (kMatrix Data Services, May 2021) and new roles and opportunities are opening up all the time.

But we know it can be difficult to stay on top of this fast-changing job market and of the qualifications you need to enter it, when it's constantly evolving.

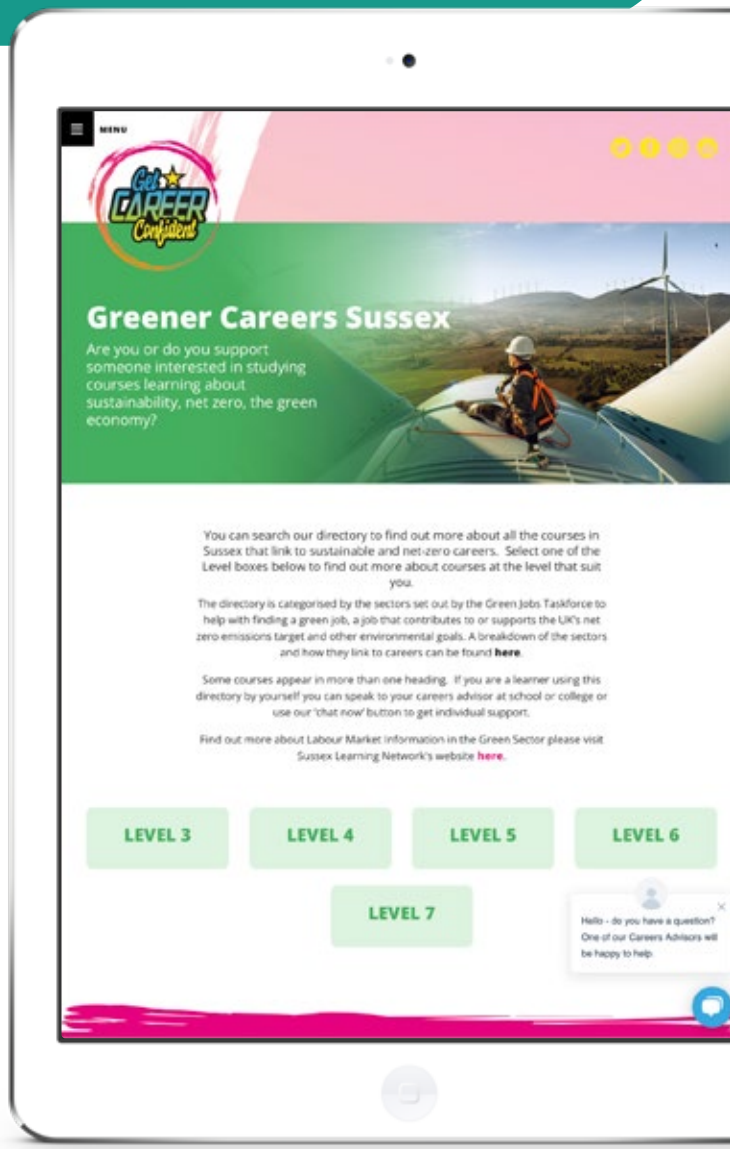
That's why we've created a brand new directory of information at getcareerconfident.co.uk/greener-careers-sussex.

Here, in a single place, you and your students can discover the full range of sustainability related courses and qualifications available at all levels throughout Sussex.

With opportunities to skill up in everything from alternative energies to electric vehicle technologies to sustainable land management and food production, there's hours worth of exploring and inspiration at your fingertips...

Did you know?

The UK's low carbon economy is now worth over £200bn, almost four times the size of the manufacturing sector?
(kMatrix Data Services Ltd, May 2021)



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We hope you're feeling inspired by what you've learnt about our resources, information hubs and free CPD.

To stay up to date with all our latest resources, events and training opportunities, sign up to our free newsletter, **SLN Now**

OfS Uni Connect Programme

Sussex Learning Network (SLN) UniConnect programme is funded by the Office for Students and promotes learning, progression and careers opportunities for thousands of students across Sussex each year. We do this by working in partnership with local learning providers, employers, councils and organisations to deliver free resources, programmes, CPD and events to inform and inspire. Through our unique programmes we help create inclusive learning environments and equality of opportunity across Sussex.

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