

2013-14 Student Conventions

Programme of events

Your Future in Digital

Date 18 October 2013

Venue The Forum, Norwich

Choose Your Future

Date 28 November 2013

Venue Norfolk Showground, Norwich

Health & Life Sciences

Date 5 February 2014

Venue John Innes Centre

Financial Industries

Date 20 March 2014

Venue Norwich venue to be confirmed

Creative Futures

Date: 2 April 2014

Venue The Forum, Norwich



Dear students, teachers and parents,

Welcome to our student convention newsletter which gives you information on an exciting programme of industry specific events aimed at young people for the 2013/14 academic year.

I hope that the conventions will inspire and engage young people by providing opportunities to meet industry experts in some of Norfolk's thriving sectors, including Engineering, Construction and the Built Environment, ICT, Creative Industries, Finance, Energy, Manufacturing and Health and Life Sciences.

The conventions are packed full of hands on interactive sessions, advice from business representatives and first-hand experience from recent recruits giving students an idea of the type of work involved in the industries and the longer term

opportunities. The sessions also help young people to understand what skills and other entry requirements are needed for the careers they are interested in.

The programme of events covers a wide range of industries but many of the conventions focus on a single sector to allow students to really explore their interests in depth and gain specialist industry knowledge.

Quotes from students

"No one has ever talked about these sorts of jobs in construction – we all know about architects and brick layers – today showed me loads of other cool sorts of jobs"

"It showed me in a much clearer way that finance isn't just a desk job but every day something can be different"

It's great that these events are taking place and I'm sure they will provide a fantastic opportunity for our young people to gain the essential skills and knowledge that they need to help prepare them ahead of the career path they decide to take.

We look forward to welcoming you to these exciting events.

George Nobbs
Leader, Norfolk County Council



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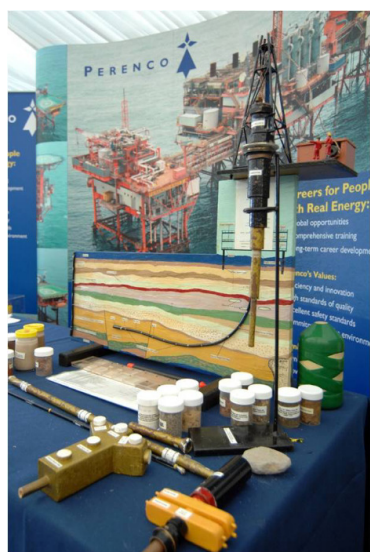
John Innes Centre

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**November 28, 2013, 9.30 - 2.30
at the Norfolk Showground**



The event is the first of its kind for Norfolk and is free and open to any young person in year 9 and upwards.

Bringing together growing industries key to the economic success of our county, the convention is hosting companies from the **Energy, Engineering, Construction, and Manufacturing** sectors and organised into zones

allowing students to focus on areas in which they have an interest.

The Norfolk County Council funded Careers event, run in partnership with **Build Norfolk** and oil and gas training provider **OPITO**, will showcase 60 to 70 leading companies with industry experts and recent recruits on hand to explain the types of skills required

and how to enter each industry sector.

Interactive activities, spanning all four sectors, include:

- Hands-on engineering and technical challenges
- A computer based **ship's bridge simulator** will be equipped with a joy stick control which will allow students to steer a vessel through a variety of situations
- Wiring (circuit boards) will be available for young people to assemble and connect
- **Plumbing** - visitors will practice bending pipe to fit in clips to radiators and sinks and fit taps to sinks
- Mechanical engineering - dismantle and assemble a **hydraulic pump**
- Emergency response kit for students to try on and a marine life raft which they will be able to go inside and learn about sea survival
- A demonstration on the use of CAD and 3D modelling software
- A **Lego robot** which visitors will be able to control and programme, helping them understand how computing and engineering are interlinked
- Students will be able to sit in a **race car** and drive around a track using an interactive racing game projected onto a screen

Over 2,000 students, 20 schools and 100 teachers have already booked, with limited spaces still available.

Please visit www.buildnorfolk.co.uk or call 01263 735486 to **book your place now.**



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Your Future in Digital is a career convention for Norfolk high school sixth formers, sixth form colleges, FE and HE undergraduates and recent graduates and is produced by Norfolk Network Ltd. The convention will be held on **Friday 18 October** from 9.30pm to 3pm at Fusion and The Curve at the Forum in Norwich.

Now in its 5th year this student provides an **invaluable opportunity** for students and teachers to access talented and successful young digital professionals and influential leaders in the industry. It will offer real insight into the **diverse roles available now** and what the **future employment opportunities could be**, how and when to market yourself and what employers are looking for in their future workforce.

Topics will include: Digital communications, marketing and PR, web and app development, software development, games design and build, animation, e-commerce and online production.

This year students will have an opportunity to present their own digital ideas and projects **and make invaluable industry contacts** for work experience, internships, HE and FE study and industry mentors.

Join the Your Future in digital online communities now on Facebook and Twitter to start making connections and to receive updates and news prior to the event. [@YFiD_2013](https://www.facebook.com/YourFutureInDigital)



Health and Life Sciences

The 2014 health and life sciences career convention is being organised by the Teacher Scientist Network (TSN) and appropriately will be held on the world-leading Norwich Research Park at the John Innes Centre conference centre.

The event is geared towards Yr10 students considering science-related careers and will provide first-hand insights into the careers and lives of life science researchers and practitioners. This whole day event will include hands-on activities and a scientist Question Time event when the students can ask questions of our diverse panel about almost anything - come armed with your questions!

For more information or to book a place for this event on **5 February 2014** contact Dr. Phil Smith, TSN Coordinator on 01603 450304 or email, phil.smith@nbi.ac.uk



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Come and find out more about a future career in **creative** and **media industries** and hear from people who are working in these areas.



You will have the chance to try out different activities related to **music, music technology, marketing, film-making and script-writing, digital development, writing and blogging** and more. There will also be an evening event which will have a series of short talks from a range of experts and an opportunity to **network with creative professionals**.



Both the day and evening events will be held on **Wednesday 2 April 2014** at the Forum, Norwich.

For more information or to book a place, email info@creativefutureseast.co.uk or telephone 01603 625145

This year the **Financial Industries student convention** promises to be bigger and better than ever, bringing together a wide range of key employers in the County and showcasing a significant variety of careers.

Employers represented will be from **small, medium and large businesses** in Norfolk including those that make up the financial industries sector, and those that serve it. Students will have the chance to meet with businesses from **banking, insurance, accountancy, legal, business support and more** and will be able to learn about the different departments within some of these financial businesses such as human resources, administration and marketing as well as the business side.



The convention will also showcase how young people can get into the industry, and the path they need to take to get the **right skills and qualifications** to build a successful career.

The financial industries student convention will be held on **Thursday March 20, 2014** in Norwich, venue to be confirmed.



For more information about the event, or to book your place please contact Jenn

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