

# 2012-13 Student Conventions

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**Dear students, teachers and parents**

Welcome to our student convention newsletter which aims to tell you about the exciting and interesting programme of conventions we have lined up for the 2012/13 academic year.

The fourth round of conventions held in 2011/12 proved hugely successful, attracting thousands of young people.

We received fantastic feedback from students and teachers alike with a student from the Build Norfolk convention saying **"No one has ever talked about these sort of jobs in construction – we all know about architects and brick layers – today showed me loads of other cool sorts of jobs"** and another student from the Finance convention saying: **"It showed me in a much clearer way that finance isn't just a desk job but every day something can be different"**

This year I am again proud to be supporting these events and hope to see many more young people learning about the wealth of opportunity available in Norfolk. These student conventions aim to inspire and engage young people about the exciting and ambitious career opportunities that exist within some of Norfolk's thriving sectors,

ranging from Construction and the Built Environment, ICT, Creative Industries, Finance, Energy, Engineering and Health and Life Sciences.

They are different to many standard careers' events in that every convention is focused on a single sector and enables those interested to explore options in far greater depth. Each one is interactive and provides the opportunity to meet with a wide range of industry experts. We look forward to welcoming you to these exciting events.

**Derrick Murphy,  
Leader, Norfolk  
County Council**

## Programme of events

**\*Spaces are still available**

### Financial Industries

**Date** 16th October 2012

**Venue** St Andrews House, Norwich

### Energise Your Future

**Date** 18th October 2012

**Venue** John Innes Centre, Norwich

### Build Your Future

**Date & Venue:**

24th October at Great Yarmouth College,  
7th November at College of West Anglia,  
9th November at City College Norwich

### Your Future in Digital

**Date** 16th November 2012

**Venue** Fusion/ Curve at the Forum

### Health & Life Sciences

**Date** 4th February 2013

**Venue** John Innes Centre

### Creative Futures

**Date:** 22nd (Schools day) & 23rd March 2013

**Venue** EPIC and OPEN, Norwich



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## Creative Futures

Creative Futures will give students an interactive, hands-on view of the many routes open to them in the Creative Industries. Taking over the whole of The Forum, Norwich, we will be exploring the **Creative Industries using the broad themes of the Written Word, Broadcasting and Film, Performance Arts, Visual Arts and Digital.**

The event is coordinated by the Media Education Networking Group (members include Cinema City Plus, Norwich Arts Centre, BBC Voices, The Garage and SeaChange Arts) and joining us will be the highly regarded 'Your Future in Digital' team. Students will gain an understanding of how these themes inter-relate and underpin occupations across (and beyond) the Creative Industries, and they will have the opportunity to try different skills and talk to a range of people 'in the business'.

These half day sessions will be supported by learning resources and IAG workshops for teaching staff (also available on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Cube**).

The public access day on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March will be actively marketed to pre-Yr 11 students and their parents.



## Financial Industry Convention

Last year's Financial Industry Student Convention, run by Fig (the Financial Industry Group) proved another triumph in opening the eyes of potential young recruits to the true world of the financial services industry.

This year's event on **Tuesday 16 October** will build on its success, setting out to raise career aspirations for the students, improve their money management skills and encourage them to work in the sector.

With a warm-up Money Circus session to test their money management skills, face to face meetings with employers and a Directory to take away filled with useful contacts and information about working in the local sector, the event is sure to be popular with students, teachers and employers.

Last year one teacher said: **"Met all my expectations and more. Will be back next year."**

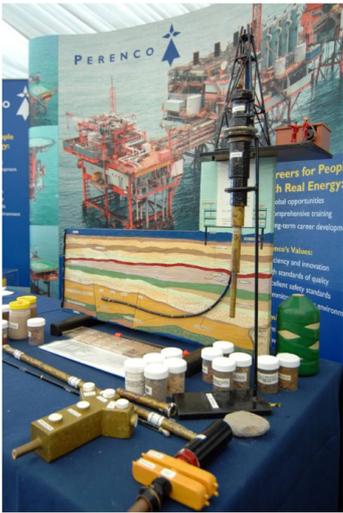
A student commented: **"Good to know what employers expect. This has opened my eyes to the benefits of working in finance and I am really now considering it."**

Employers said the event **proved extremely valuable** and ideal for connecting with potential future recruits.

Schools and employers can find out more and apply on the Expression of Interest form at <http://www.fignorfolk.com/content/student-convention/>

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## Energise Your Future



OPITO in partnership with Nexus present the regions largest energy engineering career convention on **Thursday 18th October 2012** at the John Innes Conference Centre, Norwich BioScience Institutes Colney, Norwich, NR4 7UH

Energise Your Future brings education and industry together, giving your pupils the chance

to learn more about innovative energy and engineering technology; meet people already working in the sectors and see how their school subjects can impact on future career choices.

Engineering to **Accountancy, Human Resources to Public Relations, Drilling to Design** – there's a career to suit everyone in the energy and engineering sectors.

The event is relevant to a wide range of visitors; appealing to those with business, artistic and commercial interests as well as those who are scientifically and technically minded.

For further information or to book your school's place contact:

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## Build Your Future

This year, Build Norfolk and City College Norwich, Great Yarmouth College and the College of West Anglia will be hosting free employability training, mentoring and careers guidance for students including practice interviews with local construction/built environment employers.

Hosted by the Colleges in Norwich, Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn, we will run 3 separate events to support local students and employers. The focus will be on: **Built Environment Professions, Built Environment Trades and Built Environment Technical & Management jobs**

There are a vast number of professions and trades in the sector, requiring a wide range of skill sets, interests and competences. We would therefore ask you to consider which of your students would benefit from the chance to



meet and get direct mentoring from local construction/built environment employers. The employers will give your students feedback that will help them understand what they are looking for, what training they

should consider and how they can improve their chances of finding work in the sector.

Following employment and interview guidance practice interviews with local construction employers and get their feedback which will help them get better and better at handling future interview situations.

The conventions will take place 10am—2pm. Dates and venues are as follows: **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012** at Great Yarmouth College, **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012** at College of West Anglia and **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012** at City College Norwich.

To participate, please call **Mark on 01263 735486** to express an interest and we will be in touch once the dates are confirmed.

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## Your Future in Digital

Your Future in Digital will be part of the new Creative Industries Convention running in March 2013. However an additional one day interactive event **"Your Future in Digital 2012"** will be run on **Friday 16 November from 9am to 2pm** at Fusion and the Curve at the Forum in central Norwich.

Schools can opt to attend for half a day or for the whole day. This will be aimed primarily at students in year 12 but not exclusively and students from years 9 -13 are welcome to attend if they have an interest in finding out more about the digital industry.



## Health and Life Sciences

The 2012/13 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. It 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 **February 4<sup>th</sup> 2013** contact Dr. Phil Smith, TSN Coordinator on 01603 450304 or email, [phil.smith@nbi.ac.uk](mailto:phil.smith@nbi.ac.uk)

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