**Norfolk Community College Project Reaches Milestones**

The Norfolk Community College project has hit a major milestone, having supported more than 150 people in Norfolk to get back into employment.

Since 2017 The Norfolk Community project has assisted over 1,000 people in Norfolk who’ve experienced periods of unemployment to learn new skills, get back into work and find a career they love.

The Norfolk Community College Project is funded by the European Social Fund and National Community Lottery Fund helping unemployed adults in Norfolk back into training and employment.

By offering a tailored, flexible range of training and support sessions, the Norfolk Community College project sees a number of providers working in partnership to offer specialist advice on how people can move into growing sectors, as well as CV and interview coaching.

East Coast College in Great Yarmouth deliver the Norfolk Community College project with its delivery partners – Access Community Trust, ACE (Action Community Enterprises CIC), DIAL, Future Project, the Feed and Voluntary Norfolk - offering a range of tailored individual support to address barriers to work based on identified need.

Stuart Jennings, Project Lead for the Norfolk Community College project, said: “This marks a very special achievement for the project. At a time when people need employment support the most, I am delighted that our project team has continued to provide the support people require to develop their skills and find employment.”

Kevin Bayes, Projects Manager at East Coast College, said: “Covid-19 has already had a big impact on the labour market. This is set to continue as businesses continue to respond to the challenges they face. I am pleased that the Norfolk Community College continues to offer employment support to meet the changing needs that are facing us.”

If you need to access advice and support to help you get back into work, please contact the Norfolk Community College team on 01493 419255 or email info@norfolkcommunitycolege.co.uk.

If you want to find out more about the Norfolk Community College project go to [www.norfolkcommunitycollege.co.uk](http://www.norfolkcommunitycollege.co.uk)

**Notes to Editors**

The Norfolk Community College project is led by East Coast College and includes four main delivery partners. They are Access Community Trust, DIAL Great Yarmouth, Future Projects, and Voluntary Norfolk.

The National Lottery Community Fund is the largest community funder in the UK – we’re proud to award money raised by National Lottery players to communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Since June 2004, we have made over 200,000 grants and awarded over £9 billion to projects that have benefited millions of people. We’re privileged to be able to work with the smallest of local groups, right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.

The Building Better Opportunities Norfolk Community College project has received £3,868,400 of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and the European Social Fund as part of the 2014-2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme in England. The Department for Work and Pensions is the Managing Authority for the England European Social Fund programme. Established by the European Union, the European Social Fund helps local areas stimulate their economic development by investing in projects which will support skills development, employment and job creation, social inclusion and local community regenerations. For more information visit https://www.gov.uk/european-growth-funding.