

Southend Adult Community College Provider Access Policy Statement

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Southend Adult Community College: Provider Access Policy Statement

(To include The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause” and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023)

Ownership: Southend City Council

This policy statement sets out the arrangements for managing the access of providers to learners for the purpose of giving them information about the provider’s education or training offer.

Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in college is critical to young people’s futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This helps learners to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy. It is important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-levels, Apprenticeships, Supported Internships and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

Southend Adult Community College is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access learners, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. Southend Adult Community College is fully aware of the responsibility to set learners on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Southend Adult Community College ensures that all learners are aware of the routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause”: supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

Aims

The Southend Adult Community College Careers Education policy outlines the importance of learners’ developing knowledge and awareness of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.

We are committed to:

Supporting young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of college before making crucial choices about their future options.

Reducing the drop out from courses and avoid the risk of Learners becoming NEET (Young people Not in Education, Employment or Training).

Student Entitlement

Southend Adult Community College fully supports the statutory requirement for learners to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The College complies with the new legal requirement to put on at least 2 encounters for learners during the ‘third key phase’ (year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the college to offer but optional for learners to attend. This will be done through a variety of provider encounters.

- All learners will be given the opportunity to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships
- All learners will be given the opportunity to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, through events, talks, group discussions and taster events
- All learners will be given guidance on how to make applications for a full range of academic and technical courses including higher education

Opportunities for access

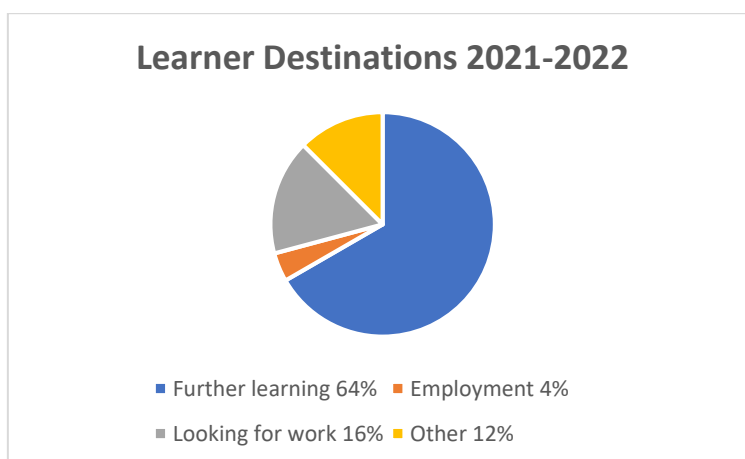
The College offers a variety of events, integrated into the college careers programme, including CEIAG (Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) interviews. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into college to speak to learners or their parents and carers.

Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
1 st CEIAG interview to secure and agree career pathways available including further education, apprenticeships, supported internships and wider technical education	South Essex College - supported internships, apprenticeships and the wider college offer 2 nd CEIAG interview	USP College – supported internships, vocational studies, T-levels. Higher Education - Anglia Ruskin, Writtle, University of Essex 3 rd CEIAG interview

Destinations of our learners.

Last year our learners moved into a range of destinations including: further learning and employment.

Destination statistics



Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Head of Quality Improvement based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key College policies including those for Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity, and the Careers Education Policy.

Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all learners to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Southend Adult Community College is committed to encouraging all learners to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to the Careers Leader, who may be contacted by telephone or email, LAG@Southend-adult.ac.uk Tel 01702 445700

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend college events that Southend Adult Community College is arranging. Learners may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Southend Adult Community College.

Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

Southend Adult Community College will provide an appropriate room or hall and facilities to be agreed. The Careers Leader will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Team who will facilitate.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to the Principal of the College.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Head of Quality Improvement, email: SACC@Southend-adult.ac.uk

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the SACC Governance Group.

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Southend Adult Community College to date include:

South Essex College
USP College
Anglia Ruskin University
University of Essex
Writtle University College

Destinations of previous learners from Southend Adult Community College include:

South Essex College