

# The SEND Programme Board 2021



# HELLO



# Welcome Sebastian Reeves !

**Our host Sebastian has been involved with the Engagement Hub for many years now. He is involved with both the SEND Young persons Network and the CAT Network.**

**He is a true ambassador for representing young peoples voices across Suffolk**







Seb's Video



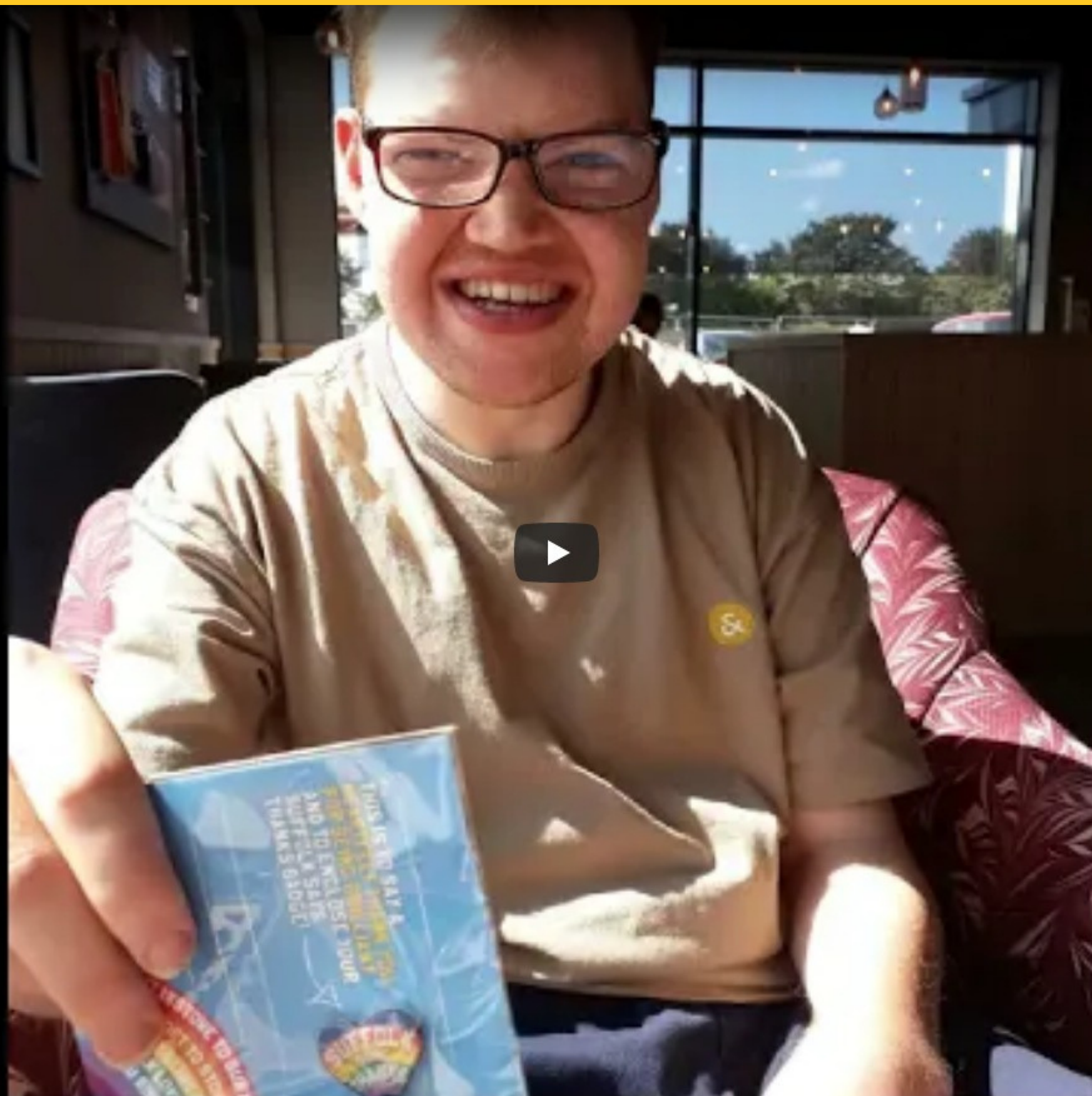
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Over the past year The SEND Young Persons Network has co-produced projects with seven settings across the county including our first out-of-county school in Colchester.





WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE  
ACHIEVED AS A GROUP?

***"Building up my confidence in  
putting opinions across "***

***"Being more independent when  
I'm out in the local area "***

***"speaking up"***

***"Developing my I.T skills"***

***"Have managed to maintain  
relationships with Engagement  
Hub on line and face to face"***





# What we've been up to ...

Although we are spread out across the county we have realised that we share a common theme:

Getting out and about (travel) and the need for our communities to be supportive.

We would like to showcase our work today, We hope you enjoy!





## ***WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LOOKING AT ?***

How we access services such as attending health appointments

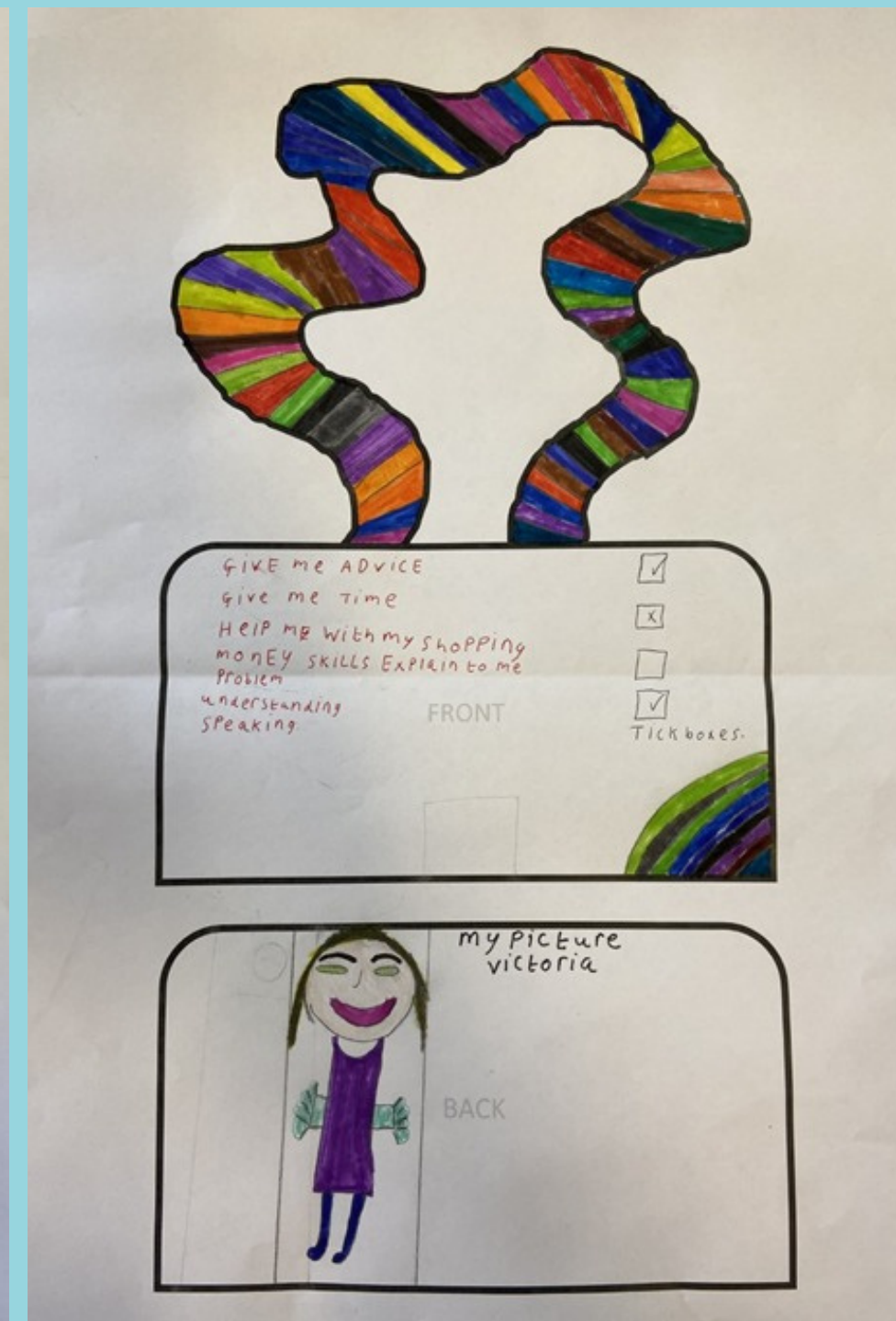
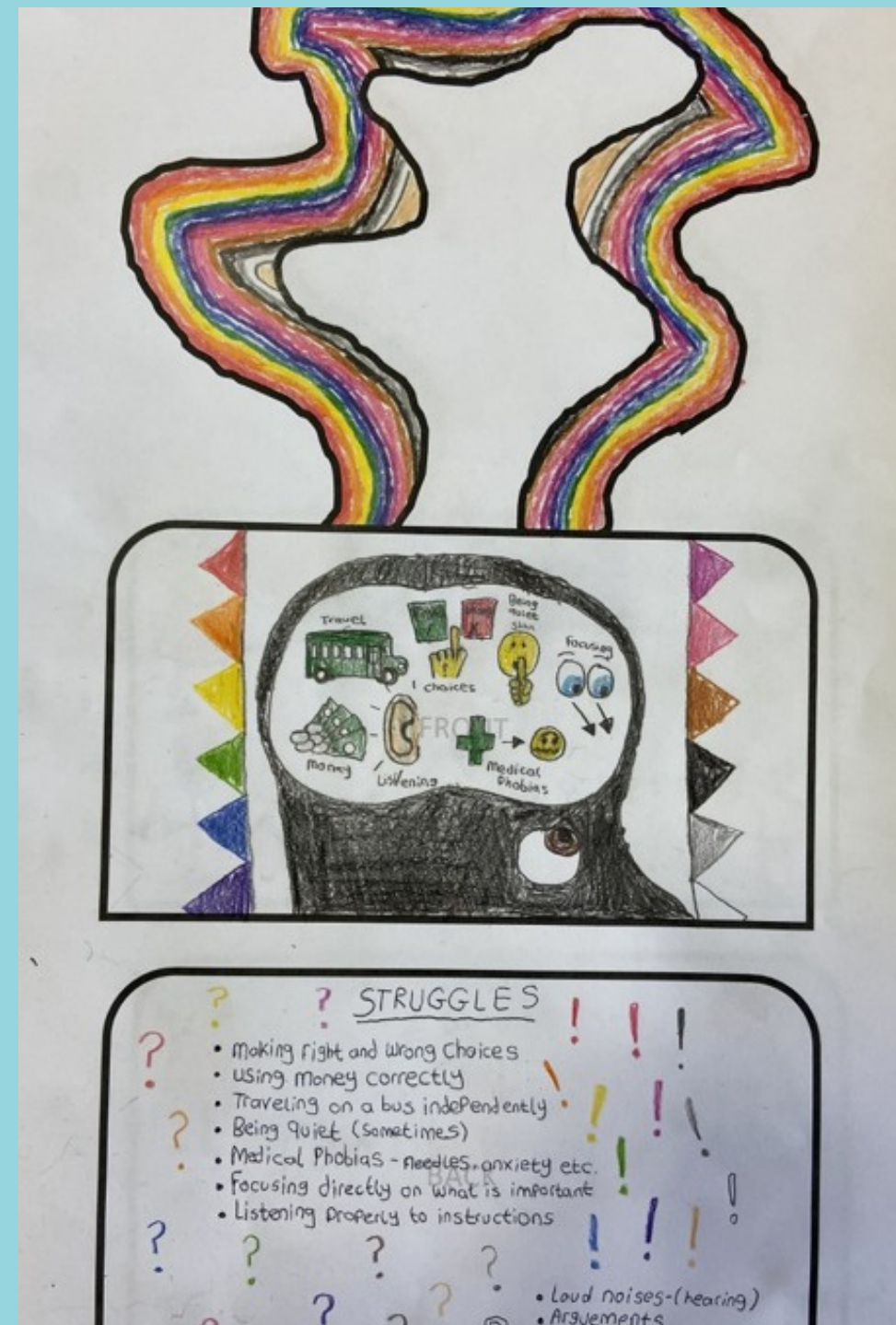
Designing  
I.D badges

Contributing to SENDIASS  
website

Being involved in the young  
peoples panel



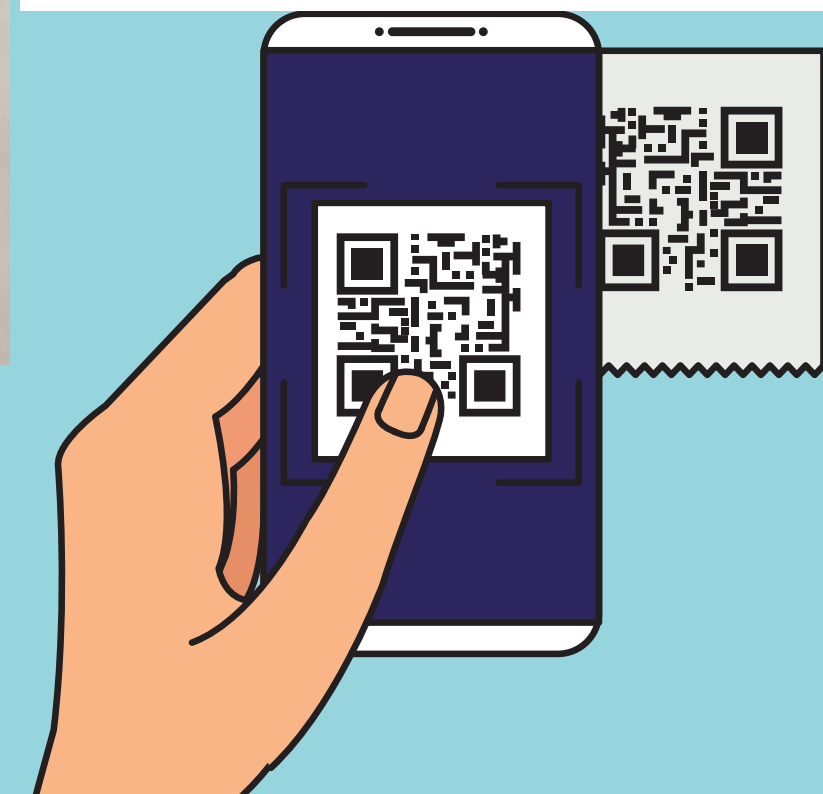
# WHERE CAN I GET SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY SO I CAN BE MORE INDEPENDENT



"I'm shy in talking aloud but having a QR code would really help me communicate so I can find things out."

Bradley-  
West  
Suffolk  
College

We would like to look into developing role of secret shopper providing real feedback services, shops, café, cinema to other young people throughout Suffolk





# Suffolk New College - Suffolk Rural (Otley College)



## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LOOKING AT ?

more car parks  
more wifi and good phone service  
put on more buses  
Audio info  
more parking spaces for disabled  
more white markings on the steps for sighted yps. <sup>partially-</sup>

Simple Solutions

to feel safe and supported

Safe Pathments and exses to anywhere  
Make new Friends  
Freedom to Chose to Come to College  
exsese to the right help cave.  
waking clubs  
Freedom to chost Where to Live  
Freedom to Drive the wheelchere on motorways

if you what to go to a Night Club or Not  
Freedom to Chose where to come in to College or not

cheap pricing on  
more games  
go home 3:30pm  
more places with friends and family  
No more covid ch supports  
more stuffs  
Disabled Parking.  
support center  
zoo trips  
park visits  
shopping trips  
go to a pantoner  
Platte

Simple Solutions

to feel safe and supported

BUS FARES CHEAPER AND TAXI  
MORE CLUBS FOR CERTAIN AGES  
NEW WHAT'S APP GROUP-MESSAGING  
CAFE CLUBS - SWIMMING CLUB  
FREE PHONE TAXI LINE  
CINEMA CLUB.



Car Shows are fun to go to  
look at classic car

Cinema is fun to and see some  
films and see my friends/  
girlfriend.

I would like  
to go to empire cinema  
because it has  
movies that I  
will watch  
feel safe & enjoy, staff helpful  
I go by myself!

Care-Home = Ipswich  
To see my Nan and talk to  
the other people. They have  
good activities ie party.

Avenues east  
Park  
bowling

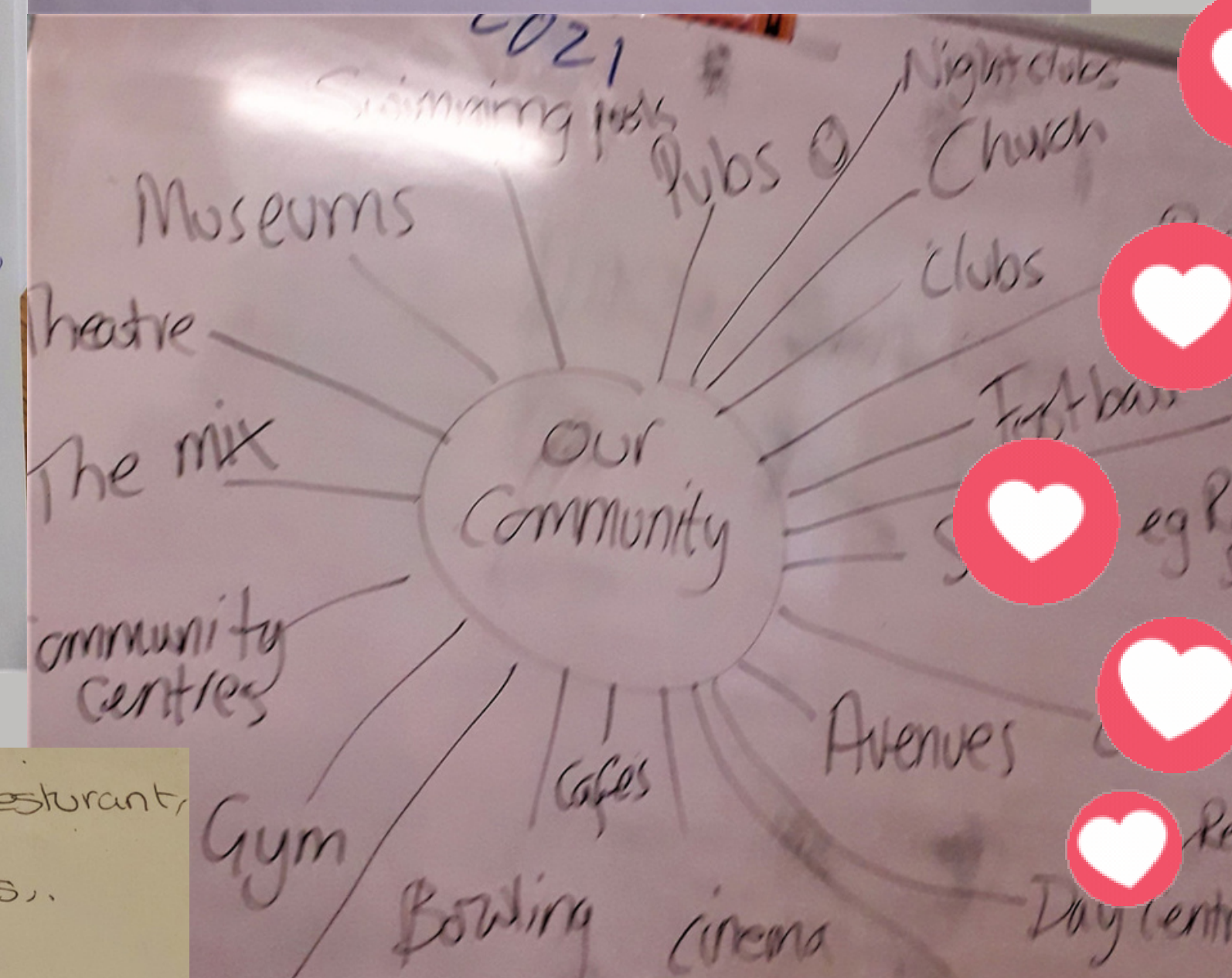
Like



going to the Town  
because is good in  
Ipswich town. (😊)  
GAME, CEX, Argos, Wilko  
and McDonald are  
very helpful for  
me.

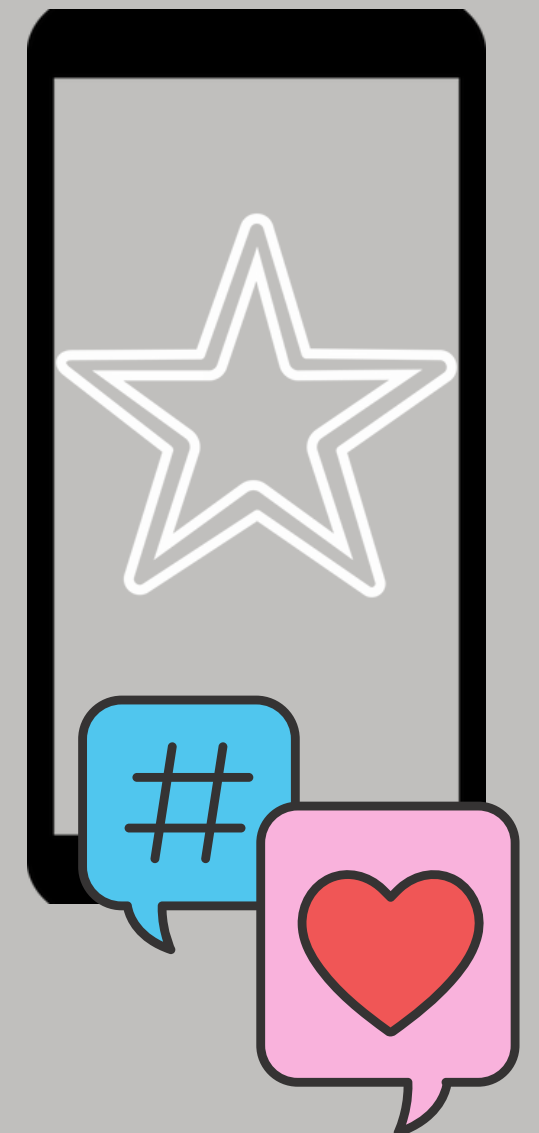
Dobbs - Garden Centre, Restaurant,  
Woodbridge - boats.

Avenues East I like going  
every week and joining  
in with all the activities  
with other friends. Also  
I enjoy Gardening at  
Stowmarket on Thursdays.





# OUR ONLINE REVIEWS



## ***What have we been looking at ?***

As we are in year 10 and 11, we have been thinking about the importance of transitions and what happens when we move on after Doucecroft.

Suffolk young people at the school have a different experience, during transition, to other young people who are there from Essex.

Essex students have the support of a 'Preparing for Adulthood Adviser' from Year 9 until they are 25. They come in to visit regularly.





# How do you feel about moving on?



"Haven't really thought about it! Only just moved to Doucecroft 3 weeks ago!"

"Quite happy here but theory of thinking ahead is required!"

"Nervous about what the future holds "

"Looking forward to fitting into society generally and personally"

"My current thought of college is, "not done this before, just need to learn about it"



**If you were in  
charge what would  
make it smoother  
for you?**

***"Would be good to get good  
information and be able to read on a  
piece of paper"***

***"Get info to help people"***

***"Have a specific plan with step  
by step approach...not rush in"***

***"Need for a step by step guide"***

***Young people felt it would be good  
to have one service to support them  
when they leave school***





"No issues in getting around local area ....can get to cinema..."

**Are you able**

but don't feel confident to go out"

**to get around**

**"Not had the chance to learn to get around"where you live?**

"I struggle to remember how to go to places"

"Not sure on local area"

"I Prefer to stay in groups I know"

"I don't have much experience of using buses because my parents have cars .... I need to learn how to use buses as my parents will not always be there."

"I'm ok getting to local shops but not always that confident in remembering how to get there, s generally stay at home with my parents"

"I know a little bit about local travel, I'm OK with trains but would like to know a bit more about local stuff"





**"I want to use the bus and train but it's too noisy and crowded"**

**"I often feel threatened by other youths at Bury bus station"**

**Does travel effect the way you get to activities where you live ?**

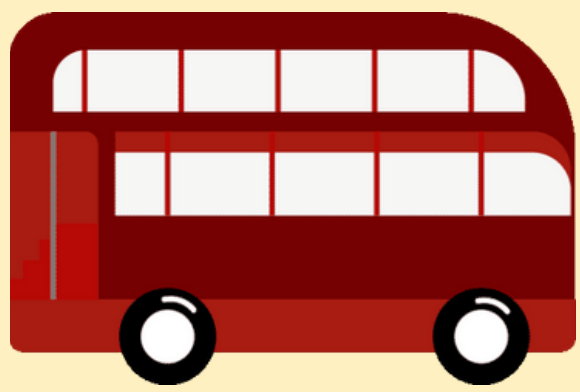
**"would like more space on the bus from college (bigger busses)"**

**"having an easy read bus timetable would really help, plan to have more announcements so would know when the buses coming."**

**"Better use of lighting around timetables at stations, and audio info on the bus so I know when my stop is"**

**"I find the bus really busy and would like more people to wear masks to help me feel safe, we need clearer messaging on use of masks"**

**"Need to explore fairer access to Travel Training in Suffolk so others can be more independent -Callum had received good support from Travel Training based in Essex even"**





## TIPS FOR EMPLOYERS

**one** BY YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

**1 Make it clear what the job is.**  
Expect me to do just that job, not lots of other tasks; it's too confusing if I'm given lots of tasks! I need routine.  
Visual is best – posters – clear images – timetables.  
If I have a regular task it will build my confidence.

**2 Give me a mentor or buddy.**  
Give me someone to shadow to help me build my confidence at the start.  
Build up slowly getting to know staff.  
Have a 'go to' person.

**3 Simplify my day**  
Let me know when I can have breaks/lunch  
Let me know what's expected of me in advance.  
Give me a ten-minute break between each task.  
Give me a visual time table for the day, especially if I have different tasks to do at different times.  
Give me a clear description of what I will be doing and keep it consistent.

**4 Be aware of the Disability Discrimination Act**  
Make sure you set up a conversation with me about my needs; the workplace needs to be accessible for me.  
You will have to check I can get about in my wheelchair and may have to adapt the toilet, install ramps, widen doorways etc.

**5 Can I come in for a few days to get used to the place before the job actually starts?**  
Don't rush through my induction – make it longer than normal.  
Written down information can be difficult for me; can someone read through the induction paperwork with me?  
Make a plan and stick to it, don't change things too quickly with me.

**Taster days**  
Set up lots of visits/ taster sessions before starting so I can feel ok around travel there/ food arrangements / toilets / dress code – uniform / length of day / breaks – tell me all these things CLEARLY!

**7 Build on my positives**  
Focus on my positive skills and abilities, such as my time keeping, reliability, and strong work ethic.

**A BIG thank you to the Foundation Learning Students at Suffolk One.**

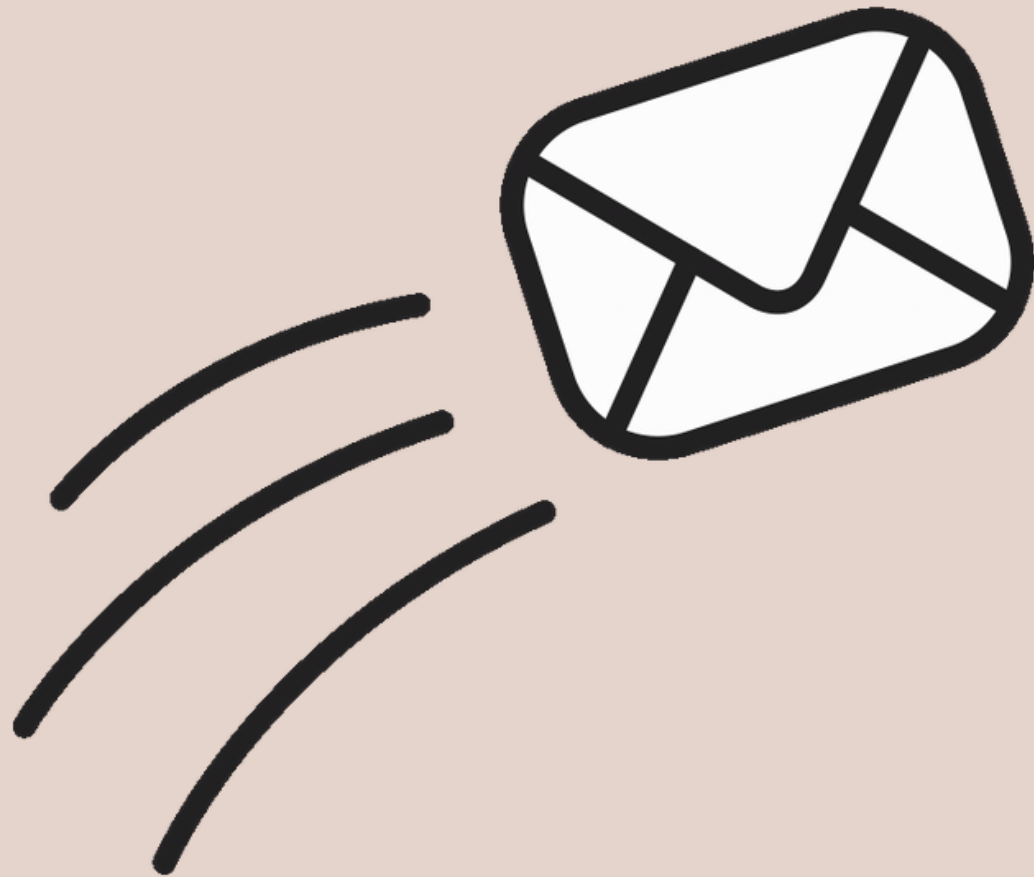
**Suffolk County Council**

Our top tips for employers were a huge success online



# Who we shared our top tips

with...



**Not only did we share them with those places, they were happy to receive them and share them with others who they work with.**

**Katrina Browning from Procurement at SCC has also put it on their web page**

**SENDIASS Social Media  
Local Offer Social Media**

**Allan Orr**

**CYP Co-Production Network**

**Michael Gray**

**Annie Clements**

**Sally Hill**

**Jacqui Phipps**

**Claire Flowers (Lapwing and Suffolk Providers Network)**

**Lisa Gilson and Suzanne Cousins (Business Connectors )**

**Adult Services**

**Work Well Suffolk**

**Apprenticeship Suffolk**

**Youth Pledge Projects**

**New Anglia Careers and Enterprise**

**SEND Priority Grp 4**

**Stone Lodge**

**QEPD Management Team**



Do you have any  
questions for us?



Can you think of one  
thing you could do, that  
would help support what  
the young people said  
from today ?



A little bit of Elvis  
from Sebastian!





# THANKYOU

