

Essex Employment & Skills Board, Annual Review 2018

National and Regional Showcasing

- The ESB featured in the CBI 2018 Skills Report – ‘In Perfect Harmony’
- Named finalists for two categories in the Essex Digital Awards for the ESB websites
- Invited to speak at the SELEP event *Delivering Inclusive Growth* in partnership with Robert Halfon MP, Public Health England and Dame Carol Black
- Contributed to the Enterprising Essex: Opportunities & Challenges, and independent report by the Essex Economic Commission
- ESB Chair invited to write a guest blog in the Essex Business Times

Sector Highlights

- Delivered a marketing campaign for the Finance sector, promoting Essex careers and to stop commuting into London
- Produced a Careers in Care news supplement distributed to 85,000 residents via print media
- Designed and produced a Virtual Reality programme promoting logistics in Essex
- Developed a Construction Careers Guide for schools in partnership with Go Construct
- Delivered a series of Expert Talks from across the Digital sector to bring together educators and industry to bridge the gaps



Education & Industry STEM Programme

- In 2017/2018, the programme has supported **almost 12,000 young people** across a variety of events and competitions
- The programme secured an additional £36,000 external funding to further the reach of the programme across Essex
- Held the first ever Health & Social Care Conference and Finance Sector Taster days
- Delivered VR sessions in schools showcasing the logistics sector
- Established a new series of Health Science Masterclasses in partnership with the Ri and Colchester and Ipswich Hospital’s ICENI Centre
- Delivered ‘Hackathons’ in partnership with STEMettes, supported students to visit employers, including DELL and the BT Headquarters and a series of Science Masterclasses
- Developed two new taster days focusing on Artificial Intelligence in Gaming and Cyber Security in partnership with Colchester Institute



Thurstable School won the Colchester Zoo Engineering Competition to have their design for an enrichment system for the Otter enclosure



Sweyne Park School won the Regional Final and came second at the National Finals for the ADS UKROC Build a Rocket Competition



The Gilbert School came second in the National STEM School of the Year Awards, held in Birmingham



A female student from the Gilbert School won the Young Engineer of the Year Award at the National STEM awards in Birmingham

2018 also saw the launch of the first ever edition of the Ultimate Guide. This resource was developed in partnership with Jobcentre Plus, bringing together information on a range of employment and skills from professionals from across Essex. 5,000 copies of this booklet have been distributed across Essex to Jobcentre Plus and copies distributed through colleges, training providers, ACL, libraries and careers fairs.