



ATTFE College Stakeholder Newsletter

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Announcement

National Recognition for ATTFE College Senior Leader!

We are proud to share that our Executive Senior Leader, **Simon Martin**, has been awarded an **MBE in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours List** for **Services to Further Education**.

This is an outstanding achievement, not only for Simon personally, but also for the education, support, and regeneration work that ATTFE College is passionately committed to both locally and across the **East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA)** region.

In addition to his work at ATTFE College, Simon is actively involved in **governance, safeguarding, and policy development** within the region (e.g., with Nottinghamshire schools and MATs) and at a national level (e.g., through HOLEX and other



organisations). This award is a well-deserved recognition of his wider contributions, both individually and on behalf of ATTFE College.

Simon shared:

"I am humbled that our many years and deep levels of providing community learning to those who need it most has been rewarded in this way. In receiving this award, I recognise that I am but a representative of the large team of peerless colleagues whose commitment has made our achievements possible, and so I will hold it and carry it on behalf of everybody. It is also a fitting reflection upon the outstanding work of ATTFE College in its communities and further afield, and so I will work hard to prove myself worthy of this recognition on behalf of our ongoing collective endeavour."

All of us at ATTFE College are incredibly proud of Simon's recognition, and we look forward to celebrating this remarkable achievement with him.

Community Activities



#InThisTogether Stakeholder Engagement Event

Reach for the Stars at Sherwood Observatory

ATTFE College proudly welcomed stakeholders from across the region to its highly anticipated **'Reach for the Stars' Stakeholder Engagement Event** on **Friday, 25 April 2025**, held at the awe-inspiring Sherwood Observatory.

The event celebrated the power of partnership, lifelong learning and community collaboration, bringing together educational leaders, business partners, community advocates and local champions for an inspiring afternoon.

Guests arrived to warm hospitality, light refreshments and the opportunity to explore the unique venue, including the newly developed Changing Places facility. The event officially opened with speeches in the observatory's café, introduced by Simon Martin and Steve Wallace. The highlight of the address came from **Liz Barrett OBE DL**, Principal of ATTFE College, who shared the college's ambitious #InThisTogether vision and its commitment to transforming lives through further education.

Renowned educationalist and keynote speaker **Dame Ann Limb DBE DL** delivered a powerful message about the importance of inclusion, aspiration and working together to create real, sustainable impact.

A key part of the event was the **Stakeholder Awards Presentation**, celebrating outstanding individuals and organisations making a difference in their communities:

- **Supporting Our Locality Award:** SPE Swiftool Precision Engineering Ltd
- **Local Advocate Award:** Roland Taylor
- **Transformational Educationalist Award:** Lewis Taylor

The celebration continued with the official opening of the **Changing Places** facility, enhancing accessibility and inclusion across the site.

Guests were then treated to a unique **Planetarium Presentation**, immersing attendees in the wonders of space – a fitting end to an event themed around aspiration, growth and “reaching for the stars.”

Closing remarks brought the event to a heartfelt conclusion, reaffirming ATTFE College’s unwavering mission to empower communities through education and opportunity.



Community Celebration on Sutton Lawn!

A joyful celebration took place on Sutton Lawn on 8th May 2025 to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

The **RAF** took to the skies above the park where around 3000 people attended including many local primary schools, making it the largest event in Nottinghamshire on the day and the only one to have a special appearance, of a **Supermarine Spitfire** and a **Hawker Hurricane**, much to the amazement of people of Ashfield and the local community.

The VE Day celebratory event saw exhibitions, as well as wartime song and dance performances from local schools. Making a spectacular event seeing the joy and appreciation on the faces of young and old.

Some veterans and Standard bearers stood to attention for the National Anthem as the park was filled with song.

Before the flypast all were entertained on the lawn and addressed by an very realistic actor delivering the famous "Churchill speech".

The flyover took place precisely at 4.59pm and saw both RAF aircraft fly over the park three times to the amazement and delight of the visitors, seeing the icons of World War II in action and letting them reflect on the sacrifices taken.

It was a fitting tribute to those who fought for the freedom we all enjoy today, but also a powerful reminder of the resilience and unity that have defined our country ever since.

The ATTFE College not only hosted the event but invited around 100 special community guests to a seated afternoon tea on the Lawn, these included **Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Professor Veronica Pickering MBS HAC** with her four Deputy Lord Lieutenant's, the **High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, Ed Attenborough DL** and many council leaders and College Governors to name a few.

Liz Barrett, principal at the ATTFE College, said, "We are so lucky to have had the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flypast today on Sutton Lawn and such an amazing way for the local community to get together to celebrate this wonderful occasion. "On behalf of ATTFE College, I would like to express my thanks to everyone involved and to the people of Sutton in Ashfield and the local community for attending this fantastic event"

ATTFE College would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and supported the event. This celebration wouldn't have been possible without the incredible efforts of our amazing community members and dedicated staff.

[Visit Event's Page](#)



Upcoming Activities

**ATTFE College Beachy Crafts
and Community Support**

FREE TO
ATTEND

BEACHY CRAFTS & SUMMER COMMUNITY SUPPORT



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10AM - 12.30PM

ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton in Ashfield

Free to attend. Drop in at any point, no need to book.

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ASKLiON Community Directory Co-Design Workshops

Community Directory Nottingham/shire Project

The NottsHelpYourself / ASKLiON Update Project

Co-design Workshops June and July 2025

We're replacing NottsHelpYourself and ASKLiON with a new Community Directory website.
We'd like input from communities, users, workforce and residents in how the new site operates.
It will be a tool for you, so it's important that you share your view!

We are running a series of Co-design Workshops to invite people from across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to share their opinions and get involved.
In this workshop we'll explore how information should be laid out, what style of language should be used and which tags/filters are important.

**Find workshop dates and
sign up here**



If you are struggling to book onto any of these sessions please reach out to our team at:
communitydirectoryproject@nottscg.gov.uk

Volunteering as a Cook with Food Cycle



**Do you like having fun?
Do you like cooking?**



**We need YOU as a Cook Volunteer at FoodCycle Sutton-in-Ashfield. Help provide a FREE meal for the local community.
No experience needed, just a willingness to learn!**



Get in contact below:

sutton-in-ashfield@foodcycle.org.uk



foodcycle.org.uk/volunteer/

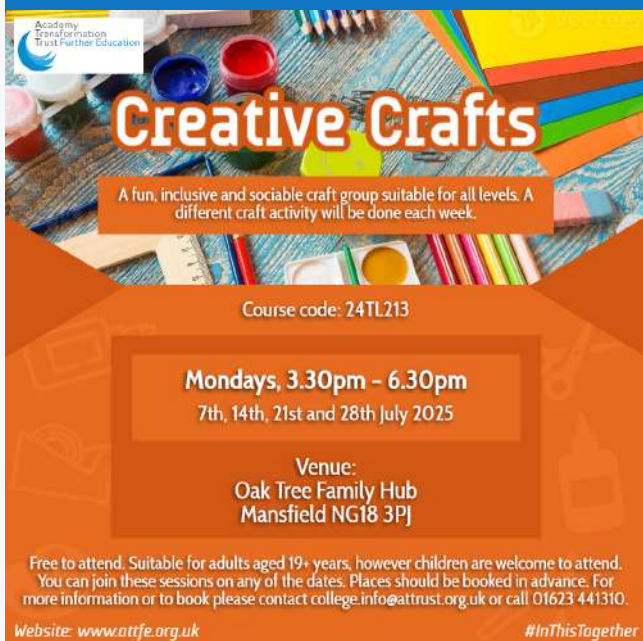
**Cooking slot is
Wednesday 3pm – 8pm
Address: The
Magdalene Centre,
Church Avenue,
Sutton-in-Ashfield,
NG17 2EB**

ATTFE College Courses & Programmes

As a further education college, ATTFE College offers a variety of courses. Check out our confirmed courses, below. We'll have more courses confirmed in the near future, so follow our Facebook and Instagram pages!

You can also find a **timetable** and **flyers** of all of our confirmed courses from February 2025 onwards on our website, here:

June 2025 Onwards Courses



Creative Crafts

A fun, inclusive and sociable craft group suitable for all levels. A different craft activity will be done each week.

Course code: 24TL213

Mondays, 3.30pm - 6.30pm
7th, 14th, 21st and 28th July 2025

Venue:
Oak Tree Family Hub
Mansfield NG18 3PJ

Free to attend. Suitable for adults aged 19+ years, however children are welcome to attend. You can join these sessions on any of the dates. Places should be booked in advance. For more information or to book please contact college.info@attrust.org.uk or call 01623 441310.

Website: www.attfe.org.uk #InThisTogether



Creative Crafts

A fun and sociable course supporting you to get creative in a friendly and relaxed environment.

Course code: 24TL239

Fridays, 9.30am - 11.30am
Starting 6th June until 18th July 2025

Venue:
Sutton Community Academy

Free to attend. Places must be booked in advance. For more information or to book a place please contact college.info@attrust.org.uk or call 01623 441310.

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Fast Track Level 2 Counselling Skills

This qualification is designed to give learners the underpinning knowledge, skills and competencies to use counselling skills ethically and safely in a variety of contexts and roles.

Course Code: 25ASF001

Tuesdays, 9.30am - 2.30pm
Starting 9th September 2025 until 3rd February 2026

Venue:
ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield

Suitable for learners aged 19+ years. FREE depending on eligibility. Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For more information or to book please contact 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

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Level 3 Certificate in Applied Counselling Studies (CAST-L3)

This qualification is intended for candidates who have already acquired a recognised qualification in counselling skills and want to: take the next step in training to become a counsellor, learn more about counselling theory, ethics and mental health, and/or be prepared for work as a professional counsellor in an agency setting.

Course Code: 25LCB004

Fridays, 9.30am-2.30pm
12th September 2025 - 24th July 2026

Venue:
Portland Pathways, Sutton-in-Ashfield

Places will be limited and must be booked in advance. For more details or to book please contact 01623 441310 or email college.info@attrust.org.uk

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ATTFE College are also able to support **bespoke courses for groups of 6 or more learners**. If you are a group or organisation interested in hosting this course please contact Dianne Holmes at Dianne.Holmes@attrust.org.uk or call 01623 441310



ATTFE College Online Courses

If you're looking for something more flexible, we also offer a number of **ONLINE** courses such as mental health, counselling, retail, coding, and many more.

Our online courses provide the same high-quality education as our in-person courses with the added convenience of being able to learn from anywhere.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills! Scan the QR code to go to our online courses webpage.



An Update on our Advanced Learner Loans

Bursary is available to learners aged 19+ who are on a Level 3+ courses that are funded by a loan from the Student Loans Company (SLC).

For more information, please visit our Advanced Learner Load webpage by clicking the button, below:

[Advanced Learner Loan](#)

Advanced Learner Loan

Bursary Information

Bursary	Household Income (including benefits)	Percentage of approved additional costs to be paid	Attendance Payment per term (3 terms)	Minimum attendance required
Full	Less than £22,308.00	100%	£350	85%
Standard	£22,308.00 – £29,000.00	50%	£150	85%
Partial	£29,001.00 and above	25%	NIL	Not Applicable

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ATTFE College Wellbeing Resources

Resources on our Website

We compiled a bunch of wellbeing resources on our ATTFE College website. From exercise videos, wellbeing materials, and information regarding our Mental Health First Aiders, you can find them there!

To go to our Wellbeing Page you can click, here: [ATTFE College Wellbeing Page](#)

Resources on our YouTube Channel

On our YouTube channel, we host multiple wellbeing resources such as Tai Chi, beginners exercise, yoga videos and many more!

You can go to our YouTube channel, here: [ATTFE College - YouTube](#). Make sure to subscribe so you don't miss anything, and feel free to share with your friends and family!

Funding Opportunities



Family Fund

Grants are now available to support children and young people in the UK experiencing a crisis or emergency.

The grants which are made available through the BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials programme support families with children up to the age of 17 who are living with financial, health and social difficulties by providing items that meet children's most basic needs, such as kitchen appliances, furniture, baby equipment, beds, clothing, and other items and services that are critical to children's wellbeing. Applications must come through a registered referral agency supporting the family or young person.

The programme is delivered by Family Fund Business Services, and applications can be made at any time. Further information on how you can become a referral organisation is here:

[Family Fund Website](#)

Climate Action Fund

Charities, community groups, not-for-profits, public bodies, schools, and co-operatives can apply for grants that support initiatives that link climate action to people's daily lives and interests.

The grants will support community-led projects that connect climate action with everyday concerns while fostering collaboration across diverse sectors, including arts, sports, policy engagement, and work with underrepresented groups.

The funding is being made available through the National Lottery's £20 million Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future. Applications must be submitted by partnerships involving a mix of eligible organisations. Grants start at £500,000, with most awards ranging from £1 million to £1.5 million over three to five years.

A limited number of larger or longer-term projects may also receive funding, with up to 25 projects expected to be supported in total.

The fund is open until later in 2025, with the final application deadline to be confirmed. More information is here:

Physics education grants

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to schools, colleges and charities who wish to carry out projects that support the teaching and learning of physics.

The Ogden Trust's Physics Education Grants programme will award grants for projects centred on physics and developed with current evidence in mind, potentially offering partial funding for general science projects with a clear physics component.

The funding can be used to provide curriculum support for students aged 11 to 18, as well as enrichment activities for students aged 4 to 18 from under-represented groups. Applicants must be based in the UK and working predominantly in England.

There is one round of funding each term, and the next closing date for applications is the 22nd June 2025. More information is here:

[The Ogden Trust Website](#)

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Follow **ATTFE College** on social media so you won't miss out on the latest news and announcements about upcoming activities in your community, available courses, etc.

Click on the buttons below!



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