

# *ECC October 2019 Report*

## *2020 Essex Teaching Award nominations now open*

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Essex Teaching Awards, which aim to shine a spotlight on the education colleagues making a real difference to the lives of pupils across the county.

Led by Essex County Council, the annual awards help to recognise those going above and beyond within an early years, primary, secondary and special school setting, to support children and young people to learn, grow and achieve.

Anyone can make a nomination and the categories for next year's Essex Teaching Awards are:

- Childminder of the Year
- Early Years and Childcare Practitioner of the Year (in the private, voluntary and independent sector)
- Lifetime Achievement
- New Teacher of the Year
- Non-Teaching Staff Member of the Year (includes but not limited to administrative staff, technical staff and facilities staff)
- Primary Headteacher of the Year
- Primary Teacher of the Year
- School Team of the Year
- Secondary Headteacher of the Year
- Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Special School Teacher of the Year
- Student Choice (student nominators only)
- Teaching Assistant of the Year

Cllr Ray Gooding, Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Education, said: "The lasting impact teachers and other education colleagues have on our lives cannot be underestimated; it is often their enthusiasm and support that help to shape the direction we take in life – whether we realise it at the time or not.

"I would absolutely encourage anyone who knows an inspirational member of staff within an early years or education setting, to make a nomination and help us recognise their contribution to education in Essex."

The deadline for nominations is midnight on Sunday 3 November 2019.

- For more information and details on how to make a nomination, visit: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/essex-teaching-awards>
- The latest Essex Teaching Award news can be found by following [@EssexTeachAward](#) on Twitter

### **Council awaiting interest from companies to remove Army and Navy flyover**

Essex County Council is awaiting expressions of interest from companies to remove the Army and Navy flyover and is preparing to take down signs in the coming months.

It was announced last month that the flyover would stay closed after a detailed engineering report revealed new defects.

To help manage congestion in the shorter term, various measures are being put in place and the community has been encouraged to play its part by avoiding peak periods or switching to other transport modes such as bikes, buses or walking, where possible.

To coincide with Lift-Share Week, Essex County Council is also renewing its calls for people to consider sharing car journeys with work colleagues, family or friends.

By doing so, people can save hundreds of pounds in fuel and parking costs, as well as helping cut the number of cars on the city's roads and therefore reducing congestion and delays, and improving air quality.

The free Essex Car Share scheme can also help match people and there is also a chance to win a red letter day (up to the value of £150) if you register a Lifts-Share team by 20 October. For more information, please visit [essexcarshare.com](http://essexcarshare.com).

Cllr Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader of Essex County Council and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, said: "The Army and Navy is a crucial gateway to Chelmsford and, together with the support of the Army and Navy Taskforce, we are working incredibly hard on options for a long-term solution at the junction.

"With the city continuing to grow and the road network already at 96 per cent capacity in peak periods, we must also look at more sustainable travel in the city and what we can do to reduce the number of single-occupied cars on the road.

"Lift-Share Week is the ideal time to stop and think about your car journeys, and to consider whether you can not only help us minimise delays and congestion in the city but also save yourself some hard-earned money.

"If you and a colleague, family member or friend are regularly making similar journeys into Chelmsford then you could potentially halve the money you spend on fuel and parking by splitting the cost. Even if you do not have someone to share with, the free Essex Car Share scheme can help match you with other people who live, work and travel in your area, with its members saving an average of £759.92 a year."

Lift-Share Week, which run until 13 October, but which will be promoted on an ongoing basis, is a national initiative to promote the benefits of sharing car journeys.

More information about travel options in Essex, including car sharing, Park and Ride services, walking and cycle routes, and bus services, is available at: [essex.gov.uk/travelplanning](https://essex.gov.uk/travelplanning)

### **New councillor elected to Essex County Council in by-election**

Mark Stephenson was elected to Essex County Council in a by-election which took place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 in the Clacton East Division.

The result was as follows:

Christopher Amos, Conservative, 1,223

Geoffrey Ely, Labour, 111

Kanagasundaram King, Holland-on-Sea and Eastcliff Matters, 537

Callum Robertson, Liberal Democrat, 140

Christopher Southall, Green, 97

Mark Stephenson, Independent, 1,231

Cllr Stephenson was elected with a majority of 8 votes, following two recounts. Cllr Stephenson is joining the Non-Aligned Group on Essex County Council.

The full result of the by-election can be seen here

<https://cmis.essex.gov.uk/essexcmis5/Elections/tabid/63/ctl/ViewCandidates/mid/386/ID/414/Default.aspx>

The make-up of Essex County Council, 75 councillors in total, now stands at:

Conservative 53

Liberal Democrat 8

Non-Aligned Group 7 {(including 2 Canvey Island Independents and 1 The Green Party

1 Loughton Residents Association , and 3 Independent}

Labour 6

Independent 1

### **Prepare for Brexit if you live in the UK**

GOV.UK has issued guidance on how to prepare for Brexit if you live in the UK.

Find information on: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/information-for-residents>

- [visiting Europe](#) - includes passports, driving and travel, European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), travel with pets and mobile roaming fees
- [buying things from Europe](#) - includes consumer rights, making payments and package holidays
- [VAT on parcels](#) - in the case of a no deal
- [studying in the EU](#) - includes Erasmus+ and other options for higher education study abroad
- [family law disputes in the EU](#) - includes divorce and disputes about parental responsibility or child maintenance

### **EU, EEA or Swiss nationals living in the UK**

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can [apply to the EU Settlement Scheme](#) to continue living in the UK as you do now. The EEA includes the EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

GOV.UK has prepared a step by step guide to help you understand if you need to apply and what you'll need to do if you decide to stay in the UK.

To find out what you need to do and when, use the [online tool on GOV.UK](#).

The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021, or 31 December 2020 if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

If there is no Brexit deal, [EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK](#) by the date of EU Exit will be able to use the settlement scheme. The government has published a [policy paper](#) setting out how it will protect citizen's rights. EU, EEA and Swiss citizens not already living in the UK will be able to enter the UK as they do now (for an interim period). However, they will need to apply for [European temporary leave to remain](#) to stay longer than 3 months.

You do not need to apply to the settlement scheme if you have:

- [permanent residence or indefinite leave to remain](#)
- [British or Irish citizenship](#) (including dual citizenship)

### **Advice on the EU Settlement Scheme**

Visit GOV.UK for:

- [translations](#) of the guidance on the settlement scheme all EU languages
- a [toolkit](#) to help voluntary and community organisations support EU communities
- [help with your application](#) or call 0800 123 7379
- information on [driving in the UK after UK leaves the EU](#)

### **UK nationals living in the EU**

[Visit GOV.UK](#) for guidance on the rights and status of UK nationals living in the European Union (EU), Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

You can also check specific guidance for the [country you live in](#)

## The art of building relationships



It's easy to think that living in a place where you're surrounded by other people, you would naturally make friends, build relationships and never feel alone. However, many older people living in a care home experience loneliness and can become socially isolated. They may have moved away from a familiar environment and as they've got older, their social circles have reduced.

That's why for the past two years, the County Council has worked with Anglia Ruskin University and some of the UK's leading arts and health organisations to explore the power of arts and culture within care home settings, and how they can build and strengthen relationships between residents and care home staff.

What was discovered was that the arts - music, dance and crafts - have a unique way of engaging people, enabling people to express themselves creatively, build on their strengths and help them to connect with others in positive ways. We saw the breaking down of boundaries between residents, their relatives and staff, as well as residents and their wider communities.

The information we've gathered will now be used to inform future thinking around arts provision in care home settings as well as future programmes of work. You can find out more about what we found on the [Explore Culture website](https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/the-art-of-building-relationships), or by watching the film below.

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