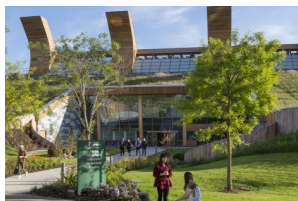




A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by  
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## Top items this week

19 JANUARY 2024



Nottingham Universities  
to host climate change  
education hub



East Midlands Challenge  
2024



Project to train migrants  
and refugees as English  
Teachers extended



Upcoming EMC Training  
courses

## UNIVERSITIES FOR NOTTINGHAM TO HOST EAST MIDLANDS CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION HUB

A partnership between Nottingham's two universities will host an East Midlands hub of a £2m national programme offering every school, college and university in England free access to expert support to become greener and more climate resilient.

As part of the Universities for Nottingham partnership, the Climate Action Planning Sector Engagement and Support Service hub will harness experts, organisations and businesses to help education settings in the East Midlands region to produce Climate Action plans that will boost climate education, promote green careers, reduce carbon emissions, increase biodiversity and allow them to become more resilient to climate extremes.

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## EAST MIDLANDS CHALLENGE 2024

The East Midlands Challenge will return in April 2024, seeing public sector teams from across the East Midlands face a series of tasks and challenges as they take on the role of the senior leadership team in the fictional country of Boroland.

The challenge is a fantastic opportunity for aspiring leaders to gain exposure to issues outside of their normal work and giving them a taste of what senior management is really like, as they identify priorities and deal with politically sensitive issues, all while maintaining a customer focus and delivering services.

This year's challenge will take place on Tuesday 23 April 2024 at Leicester Racecourse in Oadby.

If your authority is considering entering this year's challenge, take a look at our brochure and contact us to enter your team!

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## DEFRA: NATIONAL FOOD AND DRINK SUMMIT

The National Food and Drink Summit is an annual event hosted by Defra for small and medium food and drink manufacturers from across England. The event aims to empower attendees to grow their business through networking, masterclasses and pitching opportunities.

The 2024 Summit will be held at the Albert Hall, Nottingham on Tuesday 12 March from 10am to 4:30pm.

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## SUCCESSFUL PROJECT TO TRAIN MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AS ENGLISH TEACHERS EXTENDED

Following the success of a project which saw over 40 migrants and refugees in the region gain qualifications to teach English, East Midlands Councils has announced that a new contract has been awarded for the continuation and expansion of the scheme.

One of the key aims of this project was sustaining and increasing ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) tutor supply in the East Midlands, where we can see there is a huge demand for more qualified ESOL tutors. From our initial cohort of learners, four are now employed at ESOL tutors, with many others progressing into voluntary opportunities across the region.

A video showcasing the experience of two of our learners, Astrid and Jennifer, can be viewed here:

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### FUNDING TO HELP ROUGH SLEEPERS OFF STREETS

This week, DLUHC announced £17 million of government funding to help rough sleepers off the streets and into long term settled accommodation.

The funding has been given to councils in England most in need so they can provide more bed spaces for people who are sleeping rough and more long-term secure accommodation.

From this latest funding, Nottingham City Council will receive over £400,000 .

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### UPCOMING EMC TRAINING

#### [MEDIATOR DEVELOPMENT DAY \(Refresher\)](#)

Tuesday 30 January 2024 - 9.30am - 4.30pm

This refresher session provides a reminder of what you learned in your initial training and re-boots your confidence and competence as a practising mediator.

#### [ILM 5 IN LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT](#)

5-day programme from February to June

This development opportunity would suit current and aspiring middle managers who wish to extend their knowledge and skills to get the best from the teams and resources within their organisation.

#### [CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS FOR MANAGERS](#)

19 March 2024 9.30am-4.30pm

This session covers everything that you will need to be able to begin resolving interpersonal conflict more positively.

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### EMC Leadership

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