

Offshore Technology CoVE

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OUTLINE

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- CoVEs at Lowestoft College
- Offshore Technology and Energy CoVEs



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INTRODUCTION

- Medium size College of Further Education
- 1250+ full time learners
- 3000+ part time learners
- Annual turnover c.£12million
- 500 full & part-time staff
- Specialist training facilities in: Maritime & Offshore
- Site redevelopment and University Campus Suffolk (UCS).



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Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs)

AIMS

- An expansion in vocational training at Level 3 (and above)
- An increased effectiveness in meeting skills priorities of employers
- An improvement in achievement at Level 3
- Widening participation
- Increased collaboration
- An expansion in the use of industry-standard equipment
- Innovative and flexible delivery
- An improvement in employers attitude to training.



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CoVEs at Lowestoft College

- **1st in Care**
- **Construction**
- **Skills for Energy**
- **Offshore Technology.**

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SKILLS SHORTAGES (OIL & GAS)

- **An ageing workforce**
 - 39% of technician workforce aged 50+ by 2009
 - Over ¼ due to retire in next 10 years
- **Poor levels of replacement**
 - Just 5% of workforce are aged 25 or under



Acute deficits in: Process Control, Instrumentation & Maintenance engineering.

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- **Offshore Technology CoVE**

- Single centre CoVE
- Funding £250,000 capital £150,000 revenue (3 years)
- Focus: Process Control
 - Instrumentation
 - Computer Maintenance
 - Management, Health & Safety

- **Energy CoVE**

- In partnership with Bedford College
- Funding £286,000 capital / £294,000 revenue (3 years)
- Focus: Energy:
 - Renewables (micro)
 - Renewables (large)
 - Nuclear

