

norwich 2040 city vision

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Norwich 2040 City Vision newsletter. With the partnership moving from bi-monthly to quarterly meetings, this newsletter is an opportunity for us to keep in touch on the life of the city, whether that be sharing details on upcoming developments, promoting consultations and engagement activities, sharing published research and evidence, or general news items that take account of our rapidly changing landscape. We hope you find this short round up useful.



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SANCTUARY AWARD
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

City College Norwich achieves College of Sanctuary status

City College Norwich has been recognised as a College of Sanctuary for its specialist support and culture of welcome for students who are asylum seekers and refugees.

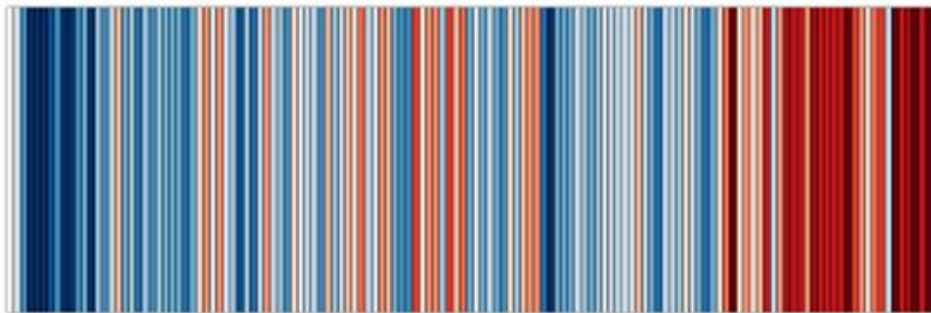
The college has a long history of welcoming asylum seekers and refugees, and the past few years have seen growing demand for its English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses, and for the specialist, multi-agency, support needed for young people who are from sanctuary seeking backgrounds.

Specifically, the college has seen an increase in Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children from countries such as Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Sudan. The college uses a Trauma Informed Practice approach and aims to provide a holistic package of support

for each young person. Additionally, efforts to help asylum seeker students integrate with the wider college community include cultural events and sports initiatives.

To achieve College of Sanctuary status, colleges must meet key criteria centred on the support provided to sanctuary seeking students, training and development for staff, and awareness-raising with the wider student body. City College Norwich joins a network of colleges aiming to create a welcoming and empowering educational environment for all, developing its work with access to a community of Further Education professionals, who are all learning together and sharing good practice.

The Norwich Climate Action Plan



The above graphic demonstrates Norwich's average annual temperature between 1884-2022.

Norwich City Council, alongside the Norwich 2040 City Vision Partnership, has formally adopted a target for Norwich to be net zero by 2045.

To help us reach our 2045 net zero target, we're working with the Norwich Climate Commission to develop an innovative and comprehensive [Climate Action Plan for Norwich](#). This plan will set out what we need to do as a city to achieve our 2045 target, and what we need to do to ensure the city remains resilient and prosperous as the climate changes.

Partners are encouraged to complete the [short survey](#) before Monday 25 March to share their views.

Centre for Cities 2024 outlook report

The Centre for Cities has published its annual economic health check on the UK's largest town and cities in what is set to be a general election year. The [Cities Outlook 2024 report \(pdf\)](#) found that every part of the country has been "levelled down since 2010", with Belfast the only UK city to escape an increase in the proportion of children living in relative poverty between 2014 and 2021, and the poorest hit hardest by a "lost decade" of improvements to living standards. Key headlines from the report include:

- **Most cities in the UK have experienced a jobs boom since 2010** in what has been referred to as a 'jobs miracle'; By 2022 there were 4.6 million extra jobs in the UK than there were in 2010, considerably more than the 2.5 million created between 1998 and 2010.
- **Productivity growth has been weak across the UK**; Comparing city performance post-2010 to the national average between 1998 and 2010 underlines how poorly UK cities have performed on productivity growth – the key driver of higher wages. Norwich was among just five cities that had productivity growth rates that were higher than the national average between 1998 and 2010, all of which were in the Greater South East.

- **This combination of strong job growth but poor productivity growth indicates many of the jobs created were in lower productivity sectors and industries;** at a national level, around two-thirds of new jobs were taken by households in the bottom half of the income distribution between 2009/10 and 2019/20.
- **Poor productivity has squeezed disposable income growth;** at the national level, people have been left with £10,200 less to spend or save on average since 2010 than if the economy had grown at pre-2010 trends.
- **The disposable income growth slowdown has happened concurrently with housing affordability worsening;** housing has become less affordable in almost every city and cities in the Greater South East, where the affordability challenge was already most acute in 2010, have tended to see the greatest increases.

You can also explore the [full report \(pdf\)](#) or key findings and implications in a [short two-part podcast series](#).

Anglia Square announcement

Weston Homes has been forced to cancel plans to redevelop Anglia Square after eight years of investment and consultation between Weston Homes, Norwich City Council, the people of Norwich and an extensive range of stakeholders which resulted in the creation of a local scheme and a successful Resolution to Grant Planning gained in April 2023.

The landmark Anglia Square regeneration was set to bring major inward investment, create new jobs to Norwich and provide up to 1,100 new homes of mixed tenure, in addition to a community hub, community hall and new employment floorspace for a range of businesses.

The overall benefit of this scheme was clear – the comprehensive redevelopment would have transformed one of the most deprived areas of the city and one of the top 10% of most deprived areas in the country.

Weston Homes say the reason for their withdrawal from the scheme is due to [seven key issues](#) which have led to delays in the scheme, additional costs and negatively impacted on the financial viability of the project.

Norwich Market pop up stalls

Norwich Market is offering a new dedicated area of pop-up stalls for hire.

The pop-ups are ideal for small businesses or artisan producers just starting out, or groups looking to stage small events such as arts and crafts sales or photography and art showings,

The stalls are a great way for small innovative producers, who don't have suitable permanent premises of their own, to have the use of a city centre location to make retail sales on an occasional basis without the cost and commitment of a long-term lease, helping to build their brand and find out whether a permanent stall on the market might be right for them.

Applications should be made at www.norwich.gov.uk/popup and will be welcomed from independent traders, local artisans and producers of clothing, antiques, collectables, toys, art, crafts, home furnishings and more. Groups and collectives wishing to use all or a number of the pop-up stalls for an event, such as a mini fair or festival to showcase wares, are also welcome.

Wellness on Wheels: Norwich dates

The Wellness on Wheels bus will be travelling across Norfolk and Waveney across February and March to support those who need extra help with their health and care, providing a range of services including vaccinations, screening, along with health, financial and social prescribing advice.

The service, currently supported by partner organisations including NHS Norfolk and Waveney, Norfolk County Council, and VCSE partner organisations is looking for other services and organisations to join, so if you think you may be able to link in, please contact [Martin Green](#).

See the [latest timetable with information on Norwich dates and locations](#).

In other news

- [Improve your local area with a Love Norwich Grant](#)
- [Norwich City Council in national pilot to encourage green events](#)
- [Dozens of affordable homes for city residents take one step closer](#)