£4.1 million has been secured by Essex County Council to deliver Skills Bootcamps in Greater Essex.

Around 1,350 residents will benefit when the places are available between June 2025 and March 2026.

The funding from the Department for Education will deliver a new wave of locally-led Skills Bootcamps.

They will be delivered by local colleges and independent training providers. This will ensure training is tailored to the needs of local communities and employers.

The bootcamps will focus on high-demand sectors including:

•    digital
•    green industries
•    health and care
•    technical roles.

They will help businesses in these sectors have access to local talent they need to grow sustainably.

The programme will be open to adults aged 19 and over, including:

•    jobseekers and career changers
•    individuals looking to upskill
•    employees aiming to progress in their current roles.

Councillor Tony Ball, Cabinet Member for Education Excellence, Lifelong Learning and Employability, said: “Through these Skills Bootcamps, we are investing in training for local people, delivered by local providers, to meet local needs. It’s about building a stronger Essex economy from the ground up.

“This exciting programme will support residents and employers alike across Greater Essex and I look forward to seeing it progress.”

Delivered as part of the council's groundbreaking Year of Opportunity, Skills Bootcamps will help residents, regardless of background, increase their skills and broaden their horizons.

Further details about the bootcamps and how to apply will be announced soon.