

**Screen Suffolk holds talks at Latitude to inspire teenagers into film and TV industry**



Youngsters who took inspiration away from the Screen Suffolk tent at Latitude.

Picture: RACHEL TUCKETT/ KAREN EVERETT

**Screen Suffolk bosses have said they are encouraged by the amount of interest shown in youngsters for a career in TV and film.**

The Screen Suffolk tent at Latitude featured advice, guest speakers and film screenings

for teenagers and aspiring filmmakers, with hundreds gaining inspiration across the weekend.

Among the guest speakers were The Bridge co-writers Shay Kuehlmann and Kate Roxburgh who spoke about their experience of filming in

Suffolk, Helen Robinson from United Agents on the topic of agents and managers, and talks on financing films, breaking into the industry and editing.

Screen Suffolk director Karen Everett said: "For us the most positive outcome was to

see lots of young people signing up via the Screen Suffolk website to register for training and experience opportunities as they arise."

**To find out how to get involved, visit [www.screensuffolk.com](http://www.screensuffolk.com)**

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**Sexual assault sentence**



Laurentiu Popa has been jailed for seven years after a sexual assault in Colchester. Picture: ESSEX POLICE

**A man has been jailed for seven years and four months after sexually assaulting a woman who was on her way home after a night out with friends in Colchester.**

Laurentiu Popa, of Oaks Drive, Colchester, was sentenced at Ipswich Crown Court on Friday, July 21, after admitting digital penetration and theft.

Popa, 21, will be added to the sex offenders' register.

He had previously pleaded guilty to the offences at Ipswich Crown Court on Monday, May 22.

On Saturday, November 26, 2016, a woman was walking alone at around 3am following a night out with friends.

She was then attacked by Popa before being pushed to the floor in Lexden Road and sexually assaulted.

Items belonging to the victim were then stolen.

Senior investigating officer Detective Inspector Terry Balding said the attack was "horrific" and thanked the public who responded to a media CCTV appeal.

# Death of man, in his 80s, takes 2017 death toll on Suffolk's roads to 20

**A man aged in his 80s has become the 20th person to be killed on Suffolk's roads this year following an accident on the A11 at Barton Mills on Saturday.**

Police are appealing for witnesses to the crash, which happened on the northbound carriageway at the Worlington junction at 2.20pm, and involved a gold Volkswagen Golf - driven by the man - and a white Suzuki Swift.

This accident takes the death toll on Suffolk's roads since the start of 2017 to 20.

Ambulance crews attended the accident, but the driver of the Golf died at the scene. Two occupants of the Suzuki were taken to hospital for treatment,

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but their injuries are not believed to be serious.

The cause of the accident has not yet been confirmed.

Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore, said his thoughts and prayers were with the family and friends of those bereaved and injured.

He added: "We do have an issue with the level of fatalities and serious injuries in Suffolk and that's why as commissioner I absolutely prioritise putting money into roads policing and

trying to improve driving standards."

He said some of the junctions on the A11 - a major trunk road - needed to be improved as a matter of "great urgency as they are potentially so dangerous".

Last month it was revealed an £86million bypass at Fiveways Roundabout on the A11, near Mildenhall, was being considered as part of a bid for Government funding in 2020 to 2025.

The Department for Transport is also set to spend £400,000 on signals at Fiveways Roundabout.

A number of issues at Fiveways have been reported since the A11 was dualled towards Thetford. The recent opening of a McDonald's off the roundabout

was also said to have made traffic worse.

Brian Harvey, Forest Heath district councillor for Barton Mills, Freckenham and Worlington, said there had been "so many" accidents on the A11, adding a bypass "would be great".

He believed a bypass would be many years away from being built, but intermediate measures like the traffic lights at Fiveways would help to slow traffic down. "The speed approaching the roundabout is absolutely ridiculous," he said.

**Any witnesses should call police on 101 quoting reference CAD 241 of July 22.**

## Hearing loss linked to dementia

Shocking research in France has revealed that hearing loss is linked to dementia. A 25 year study has identified that as you age and struggle to hear clearly, social isolation and depression are more likely. This leads to less stimulation of the brain which in turn can lead to cognitive decline.

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