

AI Skills Assessment for Suffolk – How SCC and the Business Board are supporting the Suffolk economy to capitalise on AI

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- **Adastral Park**
 - UK's top filer of AI patents for inventions created in the UK
 - Innovation Martlesham – 140+ high-tech companies including Cisco and Nokia, driving AI commercialisation.
 - National Generative AI Hub to be launched in Stowmarket, offering dedicated AI R&D, business support and collaboration space.
- **Energy** - stable, AI ready-power supply
- **Infrastructure** - fibre-optics, A14 growth corridor & multiple AI-ready sites already identified
- **AI Application** – agri-tech, smart logistics, advanced manufacturing, space-tech and clean energy optimisation



How Ready Is Your Organisation for AI Adoption?

Take part in the AI Maturity Assessment initiative and gain clear actionable next steps to accelerate AI adoption within your organisation

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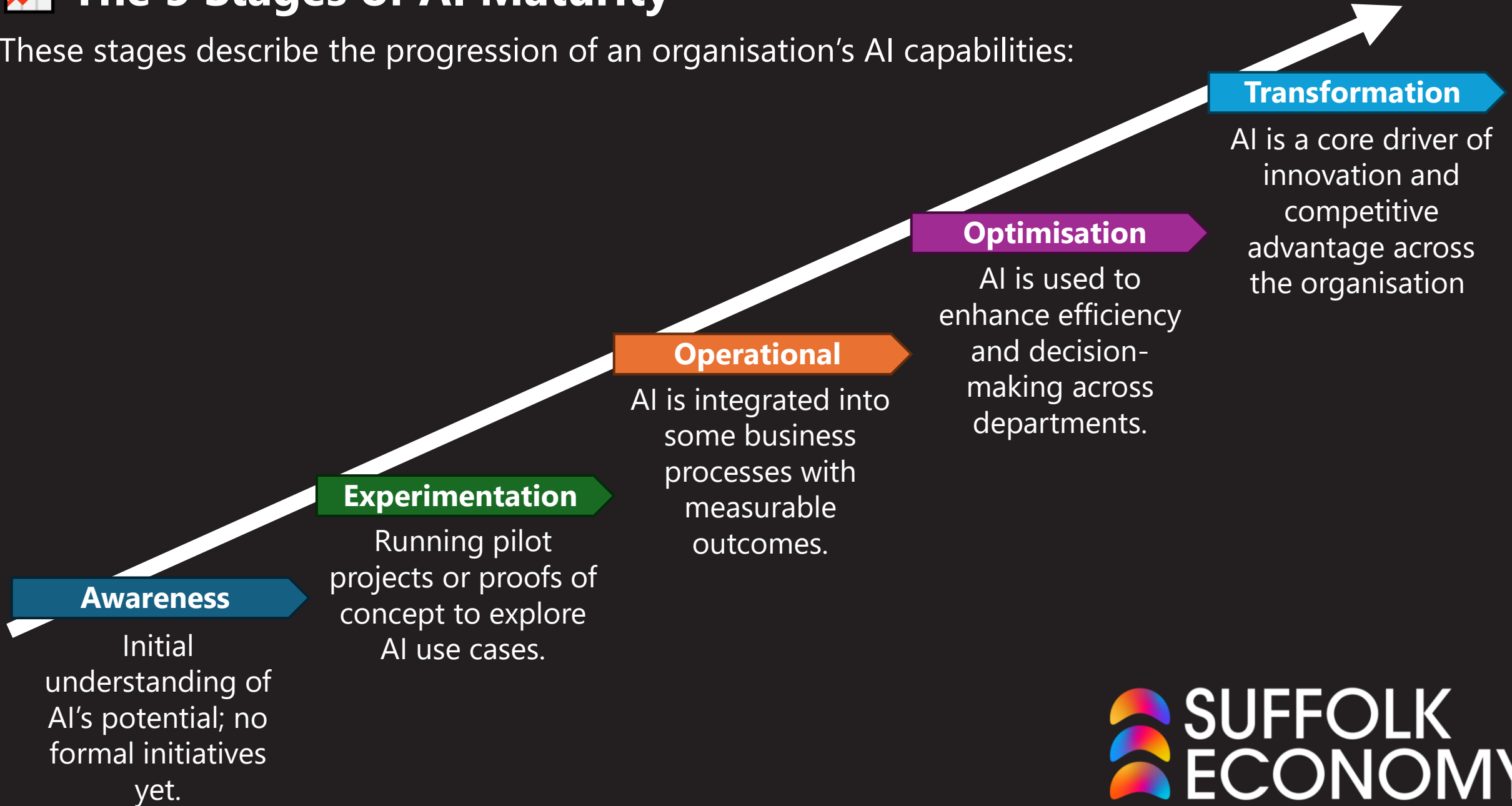


- Norfolk and Suffolk County Council are collaborating with Code Institute in conducting an AI Skills Assessment for the region.
- Employers across the two counties who are keen to be at the vanguard of AI have been completing the AI Maturity Assessment.
- The AI Maturity Assessment enables employers to gain actionable insights into where their organisation currently stands, and how it could move forward, on its AI journey.
- The final report will provide Norfolk and Suffolk County Council with an invaluable insight to our regions AI capabilities and go on to contribute to regional strategies for AI skills development and funding opportunities.



The 5 Stages of AI Maturity

These stages describe the progression of an organisation's AI capabilities:



The 6 Pillars of the AI Maturity Framework

These pillars represent the core areas that organisations need to develop to successfully implement and scale AI:



Strategy – Alignment of AI initiatives with business goals and long-term vision.



Value – Understanding and measuring the business impact and ROI of AI.



Governance – Policies, compliance, and risk management related to AI use.



People – Skills, roles, and cultural readiness of teams to adopt and work with AI.



Technology – Infrastructure, tools, and platforms that support AI development and deployment.



Data – Quality, accessibility, and governance of data used to train and operate AI systems

Importance of Data

<https://youtu.be/USlc7Z-2z5Q?si=HLNYYXAcccqHu9fK&t=426>

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Questions for us?

Questions for you...

What support is needed to enable the Suffolk economy to capitalise on AI? Please consider:

- Skills and education
- Business support
- Awareness
- Access

If you would like to receive the regional AI maturity report, please email skills@suffolk.gov.uk