

A quick guide to...

# Skills Support Programmes

A round up of ESF\* funded support for adults and young people across Leicester and Leicestershire, plus other local support

	SUPPORT AVAILABLE	DELIVERED BY
Social inclusion support (Big Lottery Fund)	<p><b>YES: Youth Employability Support (for ages 15-24-years)</b>            The YES project provides a wide variety of support packages to appeal to a wide range of <b>young people</b> who are '<b>furthest from the labour market</b>'. Support includes <b>confidence building courses, social media and arts-based provision, functional skill training, work experience and 'world of work' tours</b> and specialist support for care leavers or people experiencing barriers such as homelessness or mental health problems. Delivery Partners include a range of VCS, public and private sector organisations.</p> <p><b>COVID 19 support:</b> The YES Project Team are continuing to offer support to our project participants and taking on new referrals.</p>	<p>Managed by <b>Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL)</b>.</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:info@yesproject.org">info@yesproject.org</a> or visit: <a href="http://www.yesproject.org">www.yesproject.org</a>            Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/yesprojectleics">@yesprojectleics</a>            Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/yesprojectleics/">https://www.facebook.com/yesprojectleics/</a></p> <p>Last month for referrals, December 2022. Delivery to end March 31, 2023</p>
	<p><b>GREAT: Getting Ready for Employment and Training (family support)</b>            This project supports individuals in <b>families who have multiple and complex barriers to training or employment</b> and live with children of school age. They may be at risk of social exclusion and will be furthest from the labour market.</p> <p>The project provides 1 to 1 support via Employment Support Officers alongside activities provided by delivery partners to <b>progress participants towards training and work</b>. This includes, confidence building courses, pop up work clubs (CV writing, job search, volunteering, Access to Adult Learning), work experience, and vocational training.</p> <p><b>COVID 19 support:</b> The Great Project Team are continuing to offer support to project participants and are also taking on new referrals.</p>	<p>Managed by <b>Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL)</b>.            Delivery Partners include a range of VCS, public and private sector organisations.</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:info@greatproject.org.uk">info@greatproject.org.uk</a> or visit: <a href="http://www.greatproject.org.uk">www.greatproject.org.uk</a>            Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/GREATProjLeics">@GREATProjLeics</a></p> <p>Last month for referrals, December 2022. Delivery to end March 31, 2023</p>
	<p><b>Brighter Futures: Holistic Social Inclusion</b>  <b>Brighter Futures provides a community-led employment service</b> and help to improve <b>health and well-being, community inclusion, financial inclusion, and prospects</b>, these can include work or training outcomes. Brighter Futures can help <b>16 – 29-year-olds who are NEET, and individuals aged 30 plus</b> who can be in education, but not in any form of employment. Both unemployed and economically inactive customers can be</p>	<p>Managed by <b>Business 2 Business (UK) Ltd.</b></p> <p>Call: 0116 251 2998</p>

	<p>supported. The programme includes <b>numeracy, literacy and ICT training, self-employment support, help with housing issues, support with health and wellbeing, employability skills, vocational courses, basic first aid and money management</b>. Brighter Futures also have several employer accounts and can provide guaranteed interviews with local employers such as Amazon and Walkers.</p> <p><b>COVID 19 support:</b> Taking new referrals over the telephone and online. Individuals wanting to sign up should either call or email on the details opposite and will be given both telephone and online support.</p>	<p>Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@business2businesslimited.com">enquiries@business2businesslimited.com</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/brighterfuturesb2b">www.facebook.com/brighterfuturesb2b</a></p> <p>Ends 2023</p>
	<p><b>Work. Live. Leicestershire (support for people in rural areas)</b></p> <p>Work.Live.Leicestershire (WiLL) helps <b>people who are economically inactive and unemployed living in rural Leicestershire</b> to move into <b>job search, training, volunteering, employment, and self-employment</b>.</p> <p>Each participant is allocated a keyworker, who keeps in regular contact. Due to Covid we are currently working remotely by providing support via phone, email, video calls. We offer support with CV writing, job searching, training courses, interview coaching and signposting to other support as needed. We are well established in the rural parts of the county and have a great knowledge of local employers and resources.</p> <p><b>COVID 19 support:</b> Taking new referrals and we can be contacted via email or phone. Different forms of support on offer.</p>	<p>Managed by <b>VISTA</b></p> <p>To refer, email: <a href="mailto:hello@ruralcc.org.uk">hello@ruralcc.org.uk</a></p> <p>Call: 0116 2498828</p> <p>Twitter @workliveleic</p> <p>Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/work.live.leicestershire">work.live.leicestershire</a></p> <p>Last month for referrals, December 2022</p> <p>Delivery to end June 30 <b>2023</b></p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>Adults</b></p>	<p><b>Moneywise Plus: Digital and Financial Inclusion</b></p> <p>Moneywise plus provides free <b>digital and financial support</b> to individuals across Leicester and Leicestershire to help them move closer to the labour market. The project supports people <b>who are not in work or are economically inactive</b> to achieve their employment goals.</p> <p>Moneywise Plus advisers provide tailored, 1-2-1 practical support to help individuals <b>negotiate the daily challenges we all face</b>, whether its accessing and managing Universal credit; personal budgeting; setting up and using an email account; using electronic devices, job searching online and CV writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>o Increasing financial skills and confidence</b> –personal money management, opening a bank account, mobile/internet banking, and maximising income where possible e.g., utility switching.</li> <li><b>o Increasing digital skills and confidence</b> –skills in using computers, using the internet safety, staying in touch with family and friends, accessing online services and using pc’s tablets and devices.</li> </ul> <p><b>COVID 19 support:</b> Taking referrals, MW+ team is working remotely and working to provide support via the phone, and online digitally.</p>	<p><b>Reaching People</b>, a local consortium of voluntary and third sector organisations within Leicester and Leicestershire, are delivering the Moneywise Plus programme.</p> <p>For further information on the project, Call 0300 003 7004</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:info@moneywiseplus.co.uk">info@moneywiseplus.co.uk</a></p> <p>Web <a href="http://www.moneywiseplus.co.uk">www.moneywiseplus.co.uk</a></p> <p>Delivery ends on <b>31 December 2022.</b></p>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Aged 16 plus</p>	<p><b>Skills Support for the Unemployed (sector-based initiatives for those aged 16 plus)</b> Working with 1528 unemployed 16+ year olds, delivering education and training that helps <b>unemployed and inactive people</b> to enter <b>sustained employment across the LLEPs eight key growth sectors.</b></p> <p>The aim of the service is to deliver bespoke support and vocational training, complemented by work experience or work "tasters". Activities will support residents to overcome the barriers they may face when moving into work (including self-employment) to enable them to progress onto a range of positive outcomes including employment, education, apprenticeships, or traineeships.</p> <p>Individuals will gain qualifications, training, and support to get a job.</p> <p><b>COVID 19 support:</b> Taking referrals, contact via website, email, or phone, have online platforms for training and support.</p>	<p>The programme is managed by <b>Twin Training and</b> will be delivered through Twin and sub-contractors Workpays and Derby Business College.</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.twinuk.com">www.twinuk.com</a></p> <p>To refer, email: <a href="mailto:leicestershire@twinuk.com">leicestershire@twinuk.com</a></p> <p>Call: 07825781504</p> <p>The project ends for referrals on <b>31 March 2023.</b></p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Redundancy</p>	<p><b>Skills Support for Redundancy</b> The Skills Support for Redundancy programme managed by SERCO can help individuals access funded training that enables them to upskill or retrain and get back into the workforce. FREE training is available across a wide range of sectors, and even with areas like starting your own business.</p>	<p>Managed by <b>Serco</b> <a href="http://serco-ese.com">Skills Support for Redundancy (serco-ese.com)</a> or email: Howard Cordingley, <a href="mailto:Howard.Cordingley@serco.com">Howard.Cordingley@serco.com</a></p> <p><b>SSR ends for referrals on March 31 2023</b></p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Support for ex-offenders</p>	<p><b>Support for ex-offenders in the community</b> EM HMPPS CFO3 <b>Sets in place underpinning support for employment.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ID, substance misuse support, finance</li> <li>○ Education, and vocational training</li> <li>○ Employer Engagement, employability support and preparation</li> <li>○ Employment</li> </ul> <p>CFO4 starts in March, runs to 2023 <b>Designed to engage with those furthest from accessing support</b> and to help them engage in the community, focus on engagement and support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Induction, short courses designed to encourage engagement, build confidence and motivation</li> <li>○ Local community projects</li> <li>○ Doing good to be good (contributing to community)</li> </ul> <p>CFO3 can refer in to CFO4 and CFO4 works towards referring on to the CFO3 program.</p>	<p>Managed by <b>APM (ingeus)</b>, <a href="http://www.apm-uk.co.uk/personal/finding-work/cf03">www.apm-uk.co.uk/personal/finding-work/cf03</a></p> <p>To refer, email: Kate Smith <a href="mailto:KSmith2@ingeus.co.uk">KSmith2@ingeus.co.uk</a>; Hollie Stewart <a href="mailto:HStewart@ingeus.co.uk">HStewart@ingeus.co.uk</a> Referrals to October 2023, ends December 2023</p> <p>Managed by the <b>Shaw Trust</b> Call: 0116 497 3400 Or email <a href="mailto:CF04ActivityHubs@shaw-trust.org.uk">CF04ActivityHubs@shaw-trust.org.uk</a></p> <p>Ends late 2023</p>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>Community projects</b></p>	<p><b>Community Grants (initiatives to move people into the labour market)</b> Jointly funded by the ESFA and ESF, Community Grants <b>give small voluntary and community organisations</b> with a turnover of less than £500,000 an opportunity to access funds to deliver projects that help engage and progress 'hard to reach' individuals towards the labour market. The grants will support participants' progression so that they are confident in their ability to move into employment. Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available for projects or initiatives that help people move towards a future career: <a href="https://www.the-futures-group.com/grants-available-for-east-midlands-community-organisations-to-support-the-unemployed-into-jobs.html">https://www.the-futures-group.com/grants-available-for-east-midlands-community-organisations-to-support-the-unemployed-into-jobs.html</a></p> <p><b>COVID 19 support:</b> Projects are supporting remotely as much as is feasible.</p>	<p>This offer is managed by <b>Futures</b></p> <p>Please contact Claire Penny, Futures for Business Consultant on 07709353071 or Ashley Wilkinson, Community Grants Coordinator on 07483120941, <a href="mailto:Ashley.wilkinson@futuresforbusiness.com">Ashley.wilkinson@futuresforbusiness.com</a></p> <p>The project ends on <b>March 31 2023</b></p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>Adults of all ages, county</b></p>	<p><b>Work &amp; Skills Leicestershire</b> A <b>free, universal service</b> open to everyone in <b>Leicestershire</b> offering one-to-one and group support. Can work with anyone from graduates, those affected by furlough, people on short-term or agency contracts to those unemployed or returning to work following a period away. Can also help employers who may be making redundancies and want to support their staff to find new opportunities. Clients can be supported with <b>employability skills, information, advice &amp; guidance, job searching, CV writing, interview skills, training, volunteering, employment and self-employment</b>. All clients will be offered a <b>tailored work plan</b>, which will include clear targets and <b>steps to reach their goal</b>. W&amp;S Leics Employment Support Officers run Employment Hubs across the County and have knowledge of the local labour market.</p>	<p>Managed by Leicestershire Adult Learning Service, Leicestershire County Council.</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:workandskillsleicestershire@leics.gov.uk">workandskillsleicestershire@leics.gov.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/work-and-skills">www.leicestershire.gov.uk/work-and-skills</a> Phone: 0800 988 0308</p> <p>Service funded until <b>March 31, 2023</b></p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>Charnwood Careers Hub</b></p>	<p><b>Charnwood Careers &amp; Enterprise Hub*</b> The Careers &amp; Enterprise Hub, a partnership between Loughborough College and Loughborough University, can help <b>adults and young people</b> unlock their potential so they can shape their future through education, training or employment. A team of experts will <b>tailor FREE advice</b> based on the individual's strengths and interests, helping them on the path to the career they want, launching a new business or developing the skills employers need. The Hub has a wealth of resources and can support to source the right training courses, employers and employment options as well as unlock entrepreneurial potential or hone a CV, letter and interview skills. *Not ESF funded.</p>	<p><b>Contact</b> Email: <a href="mailto:careershub@loucoll.ac.uk">careershub@loucoll.ac.uk</a> <b>Opening times</b> Monday 9.00 – 17.00, Tuesday 12.00 – 19.00, Wednesday 12.00 – 19.00, Thursday 9.00 – 17.00, Friday 9.00 – 16.30, Saturdays 10.00 – 14.30. Or pop to: 14 Market Place, Loughborough, LE11 3EA</p>

The Government has excellent new skills support pages for young people and adults, see:

- **For young people** aged 14-19, 'Get the Jump' brings together all education/training choices for young people to help them get skills for life, signposting to new pages on the National Careers Service at [gov.uk/get-the-jump](https://gov.uk/get-the-jump)
- The **Skills for Life** campaign aims to support **adults** to develop their skills by bringing together government backed skills and training opportunities in a new single website at [gov.uk/skillsforlife](https://gov.uk/skillsforlife)
- **Further Education teacher recruitment** - Share Your Skills is a new campaign that calls on skilled professionals to share their valuable expertise and train the next generation of workers in their field by teaching in further education. See: [this Twitter post](#). Find out more at [gov.uk/TeachinFE](https://gov.uk/TeachinFE).

Please encourage clients (all ages) to visit the [Leicester Employment Hub](https://www.leicesteremploymenthub.co.uk) website, who promote local vacancies and events: [www.leicesteremploymenthub.co.uk](https://www.leicesteremploymenthub.co.uk)

Adults aged 19 plus (whether employed, furloughed or unemployed) can access a free careers guidance interview via the [National Careers Service \(Futures\)](#). Call 2615907 or email: [NationalCareersServiceNCC@Futuresforyou.com](mailto:NationalCareersServiceNCC@Futuresforyou.com)

**To register to receive our free LLEP newsletters and ESIF newsletters email [admin@llep.org.uk](mailto:admin@llep.org.uk)**

## Digital Poverty Support

The LLEP have recently funded seven projects aiming to reduce Digital Poverty in the area. All projects aim to address at least one of the following identified themes: Devices, Connectivity; Skills. Projects will become fully operational during mid-2022 and full referral information will be provided. In the meantime, if you would like any further information, please contact [stewart.smith@llep.org.uk](mailto:stewart.smith@llep.org.uk)

Further outline details of the projects can be found below:

**Reaching People** brings together frontline voluntary and community organisations in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The **Refurb, Reuse, Include** project will acquire and format obsolete IT equipment from local businesses, before gifting it to local charitable groups for use by people who would otherwise be digitally excluded.

**3 Digital Cs (WEA)** Employment prospects for disadvantaged adults will be improved through community-based education workshops and tailored 1-1 support. This will develop digital confidence, creativity and competence among low-income workers to support career progression. Volunteer 'digital buddies' will be available for 1-1 help and operate at various locations in the city and county.

**Highfields Digital Hub (Highfields Community Association)** Establishing a Digital Hub at Highfields Centre will provide free digital access and training to a large and diverse population in Highfields and Greater Highfields. The project will address digital poverty issues affecting young people, adults, older people, those on low incomes and the unemployed.

**Leicester Connected (Leicester City Council)** The Council will extend and expand the device loan and skills development scheme, Leicester Connected, which currently runs from several city libraries.

**Essential Digital Skills (Acorn Training Ltd)** Essential Digital Skills support will be provided to a minimum of 75 individuals across North West Leicestershire and Charnwood by employing a dedicated team and access to technology to break down critical barriers to engagement and participation. The project will establish two new digital hubs in Coalville and Loughborough.

**Breward's Hub – Student Assisted Technology Coaching (Homefield College)** Homefield College students will provide the elderly, jobseekers and disadvantaged people within the Mountsorrel area access to the internet, devices and technological support on a weekly basis. This project will be based at the college's coffee shop, Breward's, an enterprise run by students who are autistic and / or have learning & communication disabilities. It will help break down technological barriers in the local community. Students acting as technology coaches will develop their social, communication and employability skills in the process.

**Christ Church Community Hub (Christ Church PCC)** The Christ Church Community Hub, in Thurnby Lodge, will provide free-to-use community access wi-fi. This will include a weekly session where anyone can use either tablets or Chromebooks to access the free wi-fi and receive regular instruction. Support will be available for the most vulnerable either through age related issues or through low incomes to have access to the Internet as council services and benefits go online.

