



Building Better Opportunities

Community Matters

Directory of Services

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Community Matters is a £5million Building Better Opportunities employability project funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and the European Social Fund.

Community Matters aims to support at least 2,800 people across the Black Country to move into education, training, employment or job search. Community Matters is designed to help people who are furthest from the labour market and who face some of the toughest challenges.

Led by Heart of England Community Foundation, the project brings together delivery partners across the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership area. Community Matters supports individuals aged 16+ in targeted areas in the Black Country recognised as the most deprived 20 per cent.

Community Matters is one of four BBO projects across the Black Country. The other projects in the BBO Black Country programme are:

- Bridges, led by Steps to Work
- Family Matters, led by Black Country Together
- Click Start, led by Walsall Housing Group

This Directory of Services has been developed for organisations that are working with individuals who may benefit from Community Matters. You can make a referral (including a self-referral) by directly contacting any delivery partner organisation listed in this directory.

Community Matters is available to individuals who are legally entitled to work in the UK. They must be unemployed or economically inactive to access support.

Access to Business,
The Curve,
81 Tempest Street,
Wolverhampton,
WV2 1AA.



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www.access2business.co.uk

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Access to Business offer a variety of outreach activities and workshops for people with barriers to work, these activities include:

- IAG assessments
- Confidence Building
- Debt, Housing & Financial Advice
- Literacy, Numeracy, and Financial skills training
- Health & Wellbeing
- Self-employment information
- Mentoring
- Accredited Training: Level 2 award in Food Safety, Level 2 Health and Safety in the workplace, Level 2 Emergency First Aid at Work, and Entry level 3 Award in basic IT
- Job search / Interview skills
- Volunteering/Work Placements
- HMRC advice

Service availability: Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell, and Dudley.

How to access the service?

Access to Business are happy to see participants at our centre or arrange a visit with the participant at a chosen venue. All participants will be offered an IAG session with a qualified advisor. Services will be explained in detail and they will discuss the best way to help and support the participant. This can be arranged via telephone or email.

Main Contact: Simon Moore - simon@access2business.co.uk

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm

Languages Available: English and Russian

Independent Living Centre,
100 Oldbury Road.
Smethwick,
B66 1JE.

0121 558 5555
www.idealforall.co.uk
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The service is targeted to support and empower individuals who can use horticulture and outdoor creative activities to engage and break barriers to employment:

- Holistic person-centred approach
- 1-1 Support
- Confidence and motivation building
- Creation of an electronic version of CV
- Universal job match
- Set up email accounts
- Work/ Job club
- Effective job search
- Employability & Interview techniques
- Horticultural engagement
- Manual Handling training
- Outdoor creative activities
- Soft skills
- Meaningful volunteering/work Placements

Service availability: Walsall, Sandwell, and Dudley.

How to access the service?

Ideal for All are happy to see participants at our centre or alternatively please use the contact details to arrange a one to one appointment.

Main Contact: Louise Walker - info@idealforall.co.uk

Opening Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9.00am – 5.30pm
Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Languages Available: English, British Sign Language, Urdu, Punjabi, and Gujarati

The Hub,
30 Ebenezer Street,
Coseley,
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www.juststraighttalk.org

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Just Straight Talk delivers and support on the following activities Supporting, mentoring, advocating, empowering, inspiring, encouraging and supporting with all aspects including:

- Seeking options for a better future, including referral and assistance to specialist support i.e. drugs/alcohol and mental health services
- Confidence building, increasing social skills, increasing motivation, introduction to leisure, hobbies and interests around daytime, evenings and weekends
- Supporting to raise self-esteem, drawing on strengths, identifying skills and utilising local options to continue development and growth
- Referral to short courses (Hooks) for example “get cooking” programmes, intro to IT, Gardening etc to slowly introduce ways of regular routine and positive steps
- Completing all kinds of complex forms for housing, benefits, legal, finances etc
- Transporting and supporting to meetings, appointments, interviews etc
- Locating emergency accommodation (hostels)
- Helping to generate opportunities and move towards employment, training and education
- A range of pre-employment interventions tailored with you in mind to eliminate your barriers and help you to succeed
- Movement and support into training, education and employment

Service availability: Dudley and Sandwell

How to access the service?

Call or email using the contact details.

Main Contact: Kate Beale - kate@juststraighttalk.org

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Languages Available: English

The Business Centre,
Church Street,
West Bromwich,
B70 8RP.



0121 525 2558

www.sweda.org.uk

T: @SwedaTweets F: @SwedaPage

SWEDA provides a programme of Community Engagement activities for people wishing to improve their confidence, develop new skills, need help to move towards or to find employment:

- 1-1 Support- Coaching and Mentoring
- Group Sessions
- Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)
- Confidence Building and Soft Skills
- Personal Development Planning
- Employment Support and Training
Including: CV Writing; Assistance with filling in Jobs Application Forms; Job Search / Job Club; Interview and Presentation Skills; In – Work Benefits Advice.
- Self-Employment Advice Guidance & Training
- IT Training
- Range of Accredited and Unaccredited Courses
- Welfare Benefits Advice – Debt, Housing, Budgeting
- Volunteering/Work Placements Opportunities

Service availability: Sandwell, Walsall, Dudley and Wolverhampton

How to access the service?

To access the services please use the contact details above or come over to our centre and we will explain in detail about our services and the best way we can support the participant

Main Contact: Hayley Champion - hayley@sweda.org.uk

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday: 9.00am – 4.30pm

Languages Available: English, Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu & Gujarati

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Services provided:

- IAG (Information Advice and Guidance) appointments. All development issues will be discussed, and an action plan agreed
- Follow up reviews and mentoring
- ESOL support
- Language at work (12-week programme)
- Basic IT
- Interview skills
- Confidence Building
- Volunteering
- Job search – Group or 1 to 1
- Nursery available

Service availability: Wolverhampton.

How to access the service?

Call the number or e-mail: enquiries@tlccollege.org.uk

Main Contact: Kalpna Joshi - kjoshi@tlccollege.org.uk

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Monday – Friday: 3.00pm – 5.00pm by appointment only

Languages Available: English, Punjabi, Hindi, and Urdu.

51-53 Queen Street,
Wolverhampton.

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www.welltraining.co.uk

T: @WellAssociates F: @Well-Training



Programme of activity specifically linked to employment opportunities within the leisure and tourism industry:

- 1-1 Support
- Confidence Building
- CV Writing
- Employability & Interview Skills
- IAG assessments
- Job search
- Mentoring
- Personal Development Planning
- Communication and Customer Service
- Support to find volunteering and work placements
- Level 1 Course in Travel and Tourism
- Accredited qualification

Service availability: Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell, and Dudley.

How to access the service?

For further information please use the contact details.

Main Contact: Amy Rowsell - amy@welltraining.co.uk

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Languages Available: English, French, German, Spanish, Punjabi



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