

Supporting South Yorkshire people back into work

We're supporting unemployed people in South Yorkshire to pick up the skills, confidence and experience they need to get their careers on track.

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Our trusted and friendly team are working in Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster to help people aged 25 and over find suitable and lasting work.

People are being supported weekly by a dedicated Employability Coach to help them overcome their barriers. We can work with people for a short burst of eight weeks, or over a longer 40 weeks - however long it takes - to get people where they want to be.

The project has been funded through the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority's Adult Education Budget.

We know everyone is different, so the support they receive will be different. We'll start by assessing a person's individual circumstances, then develop a tailored action plan to suit their needs.

Learners can benefit from a range of things, including chances to:

- Enhance your communication skills
- Build your confidence
- Develop a positive mindset
- Learn how to work as part of a team
- Identify your transferable skills
- Get ready for and impress at interviews
- Update your CV
- Build up your resilience

We also work directly with local employers to create 'routeways' into various sectors we know are looking for new recruits. These short courses will give you all you need to know about working in industries like care, hospitality, warehousing and business administration.

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Struggling with the rising cost of living?

Prices are rising and fuel bills are on the up. It means more people are feeling the stresses of everyday life.



Disability benefits

If you receive disability benefits like Personal Independence Payments, Disability Living Allowance or an Attendance Allowance, you could be eligible for a lump sum payment of £150 by October 2022. It's all done automatically, and you won't have to apply.

Support available

To make sure you're getting what you're eligible for, check out the Entitled To website. It has an easy-to-use calculator to check your individual circumstances and works out everything for you. Visit www.entitledto.co.uk

You can also search for financial support available to you locally through the Turn2Us website. Visit www.turn2us.org.uk for more information.

If you have any questions relating to any of these grants, get in touch with our friendly Supporting Foundations team and we'll be able to help.

Phone on 0800 027 2057

Live Chat at www.acisgroup.co.uk

Email us at info@acisgroup.co.uk

We've pulled together a handy guide of grants and schemes which are in place to help you relieve some of these stresses.

Energy Bills Support Scheme

The government is giving all households £400 off energy bills in October 2022. You'll get this automatically from your energy supplier and despite previous suggestions, it won't need to be repaid.

Cost of Living Payment

If you're on a low income benefit like Universal Credit, Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-related Employment Support Allowance, you should be eligible to get £650. This will be paid in two lump sums – one in the summer, one in the autumn. The same amount is available for people receiving Child or Working Tax Credit. It's all done automatically via your benefits and you won't need to apply.



Local community comes together to celebrate

Over the Platinum Jubilee the community at Woodthorpe in Sheffield came together to celebrate.

With the street closed off for the celebrations they decorated with bunting, put the marquee up and provided a feast for everyone.

And they also remembered former Councillor Pete Rippon, planting a tree on the green. Cllr Rippon was an active member of the Woodthorpe community supporting the regular luncheon club and community events.

As part of the Jubilee celebrations the Lord Mayor for Sheffield came down and cut the ribbon on the newly planted tree in his memory.

Jane Russon, a community volunteer, said "It was a great day. It was lovely to see so many people from the community out together celebrating."

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Sheffield woman wins award after supporting local community throughout the pandemic



Kind-hearted woman takes home the Neighbour Positive Impact Award after years of dedicating her time to her community in Sheffield.

Jane Russon has lived and worked on the Woodthorpe estate her whole life and volunteered at the local community centre for the last ten years.

The community centre in Woodthorpe acts as a hub for the estate, with people constantly dropping by for a quick chat or to look around the community shop which Jane has helped to create.

Jane said: "It's not just about what I do, it's about what I do and the local community and the volunteers as well."

Jane has become a leader for the community. She was a referral partner during Covid to ensure that people had access to food from the food bank.

And she opened the community centre everyday to ensure people could connect with each other.

She said: "I was hitting over 50 referrals a week at one point for the food bank. We carried on opening the building. But not as a shop, not as a community room. But there for people if they needed help."

Chairs would be placed socially distanced outside so that there was somewhere for people to come and chat and connect.

Now more people across the estate use the community centre than ever before.



For Jane it is about bringing the community together. When presented with the award Jane was tearful. She said: "I'm speechless."

But it's one act of kindness for somebody who gives so much of their time to others. Congratulations, Jane.

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