EMPLOYABILITY NETWORK

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GET JOB READY - 3 DAY RECRUITMENT EVENT HAILED A SUCCESS FOR THE BOROUGH !!



The 'Get Job Ready' recruitment event took place on 11th, 12th, and 13th February, connecting local people with job opportunities, skills development, and employability support. Hosted across 2 venues, the event provided invaluable resources for job seekers.

Day One - Get Work Ready

The event began with 3 employability workshops, CV support, and job search assistance, helping 150 attendees enhance their interview and application skills. The session helped job seekers prepare for interviews, applications, and career development.

Day 2 - Jobs & Skills Fair

With over 70+ stalls and 35 employers offering live the vacancies, event welcomed 600+ attendees. Application Station provided on-the-spot job application support, making a valuable hub for networking and career opportunities.

Day Three - BwD Council Jobs

The final day focused on job opportunities within Blackburn with Darwen Council, allowing around 300 attendees to engage with 40 council staff members to explore a wide range of job openings and apprenticeships.

A huge thank you to all employers, partners, and attendees who made this event such a success! We look forward to continuing to support our community in finding meaningful employment and developing their skills.

JOB CLUB

Supporting People into Work

Our professional and experienced support workers are onhand to help you get back to work. We have access to a range of courses, work experience and volunteering opportunities that will help to improve your appeal to employers.



CV & Cover Letters



Job Searching



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Build your confidence



Getting Online



Learn a new course

contact for more information

EVERY Bangor Street Community Centre, **MONDAY** Norwich St, Blackburn, BB1 6NZ

EVERY Audley Neighbourhood Learning TUESDAY Centre, Pringle St, Blackburn, BB1 1SF

1-3pm

1-3pm

Darwen Community Helpers, **EVERY** 10 Bridge St, Darwen, BB3 2AA **TUESDAY**

9.30am-**11.30pm**

EVERY Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre, **THURSDAY** Arthur Way, Blackburn, BB2 1QP

1-3pm



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https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/jobs/help-find-job/employability-mentoring











Blackburn with Darwen Adult Learning provides a variety of educational opportunities aimed at adults 19+

ICT Skills and Job Club

Digital Skills for Employment

- Skills Builder/ Job Club is for those who need the flexibility to come to sessions when you need support
- Come and improve your ICT and Job Skills for life, work and confidence.
- Brush up your skills to gain confidence before joining on accredited course and finding employment.

You can either use our devices or bring your own laptop or tablet so you can see how it works on your own device.

Skills required: None. Suitable for absolute beginners. No Booking required

Darwen Community Helpers	Every Tuesday	9.30am-11.30am	25/02/2025 - 29/07/2025
Bank Top NLC	Every Wednesday	9.30am-11.30am	26/02/2025 - 23/07/2025
Audley NLC	Every Thursday	1pm-3pm	27/02/25 - 24/07/2025

Skills for Employment courses

- Short Microsoft Office computers courses
- Introduction to Cyber Security Stay Safe Online!
- Preparing for Volunteering
- First Aid Courses
- Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
- Level 1 Award in Employability Skills
- Level 1 and Level 2 Food Safety courses
- Level 2 Award in Food Allergens
- Level1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools



Celebrating the Success of the Multiply Project!

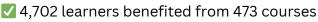
We recently held a fantastic celebration event for the Multiply Project, a government-funded initiative designed to help people improve their numeracy skills, boost confidence, and even gain qualifications. Given the rising cost of living, improving numeracy has never been more valuable-it can open doors to new job opportunities and financial independence.





Together with our eight incredible delivery partners-IMO, Positive Smiles, Deaf Hub, Adult Learning, One Voice, Youth Action, Al Hayat, Get Set Academy, and Newground-we've made a real impact:

SUCCESS



- 🗸 1,845 learners gained confidence through learning
- 376 learners completed an accredited course
- ✓ 324 parents and children attended family-focused courses
- 956 learners received training through employer partnerships
- 359 learners improved their money management skills
- 123 learners upskilled for better job opportunities

A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible! Let's continue empowering our communities through learning.

Want to **Upskill?**





Find out more information about courses by contacting them 01254 507720 / 581175





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Are you 16-19 and looking for a new direction?/ **Are you 14-25vrs with an EHCP?**

New Directions is a careers, information and advice service for young people within Blackburn and Darwen. We can provide you with the support you need to make choices about your future. Come and meet our team of friendly advisors at one of the sessions below.



Audley and Queens Park Children's Centre Monday: 1-4pm

Tuesday: 1-4pm Little Harwood Family Hub

Wednesday: 12-3pm Livesey Family Hub

Wednesday: 1-4pm Shadsworth Family Hub

Thursday: 10 - 12pm Wensley Fold Children's Centre Thursday: 12 - 3pm Higher Croft Children's Centre

Thursday: 1 - 4pm Darwen Town Hall





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https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/jobs/ help-find-job/careers-advice-newdirections



Join the Prince's Trust Team programme and we can help you achieve your potential!

Team is a free 12 week personal development course for young people aged 16-25. Gain new skills, a nationally recognised qualification, meet new people and have fun! Take part in a community project, enjoy a residential trip away and complete a two week work placement - all aimed at your successful future.

Are you aged 16 - 25 and think you will benefit from joining our next Prince's Trust Team programme?

Are you struggling to find the right job? Thinking college isn't for you? Want to develop important skills to help you reach your potential? Do you want to gain new experiences, a qualification up to level 2 and work as part of a team in a huge variety of activities? Do you want to build your CV?

> We have new 12-week TEAM programme's starting at Blackburn Fire Station starting 6th MAY

> > **Get In Touch**



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https://www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/yourcommunity/princes-trust



The skills for work team at Blackburn college are passionate about people, we are passionate about serving our community and we are passionate about helping to upskill our local community

Contact Information

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SKILLS FOR WORK



skillsforworkhub@blackburn.ac.uk



Looking for a career in care? Join our SWAP Programme and gain the skills needed for a rewarding role in adult care.

Guaranteed interview with CCH Guardian Homecare, full and part time roles available

Two week swap running 25th March - 4th April 2025 9.30am - 2.30pm

Who Can Join the Programme?



Are you 19+



Are you a local resident?



Supportive & Welcoming Environment

Contact Us

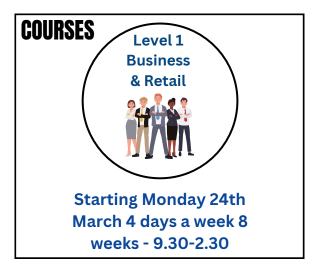
Free if claiming a benefit or earning less than £25,000

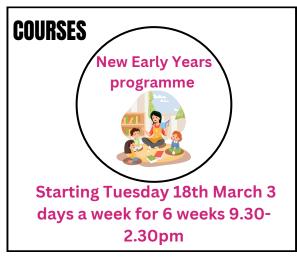
What will the SWAP include?

- Introduction to the healthcare and adult care sector
- Key skills for supporting vulnerable adults
- Safeguarding and protection training
- Equality, diversity & inclusion in care
- Communication, active listening, and managing challenging situations
- Level 1 Food Hygiene certification
- CV writing, interview skills
 & mock interviews
- Employer-led sessions with Guardian Homecare

With Guardian Homecare

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Gateway Information session

23rd April – 8 Week programme 5 weeks
in college 3 week placement

School of Adult Education

We're thrilled to share that our recent Christmas Market, organised by our ESOL students, was a huge success! The funds raised will be donated to an orphanage in Malawi.

In January, we hosted a Careers Fair and Next Steps Week, with Youth Action delivering valuable sessions on employability and money management. Additionally, our ESOL students benefitted from courses delivered by IMO and BWD, and the Fire Service conducted an informative assembly as part of our Ramadan campaign.

Looking ahead, we invite all adult students to our next Careers Fair on 19th March at Blackburn College – everyone is welcome! We are also proud of the successful work placements for both adult and ESOL 16-18 students, and we continue to collaborate with partners to expand these opportunities. In partnership with JCP, we're offering new courses to support ESOL progression for adults, along with tailored learning options available to all students in ESOL and adult education.

For more details, please contact esol.hub@blackburn.ac.uk



Whatever challenges you're facing, if you're aged 16 to 30, The King's Trust (formerly known as The Prince's Trust) is here for you.

You've got what it takes to gain the confidence and skills to get a job. But sometimes it takes that first step, and we're here to help.







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> Tailored support is offered to young people aged 14-24, with progression coaches assisting with CV writing, interview practice, job applications, work experience, and finding employment.

Blackburn and Darwen Youth Zone- Aspirations. Skills and Progression Offer

The Youth Hub at Blackburn & Darwen Youth These programmes cover stress management, Zone is a vital resource for young people in the area, dedicated to unlocking their potential and shaping rewarding futures. With a mission to transform how a generation prepares for the world of work, the Youth Hub focuses on raising aspirations, developing skills, and guiding individuals towards positive progression routes.

In addition to career support, the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service provides 'programmes aimed at empowering young individuals with essential life skills, enhancing emotional well-being, and boosting confidence as they journey towards independence

resilience building, confidence boosting, and practical workshops on topics such as financial management, household skills, and career planning.

These initiatives, the Youth Hub aims to strengthen mindsets, embrace opportunities, and empower young people to thrive in all aspects of their lives.



Find out more information by clicking on the QR code Referrals can be made by partners or through self-referral via our website link: From juggling Sales & Marketing in order to get things done...





Boost your business with our Digital Accelerator Skills Bootcamp

to speaking with Claude who gets everything done





At Enterprise4All we provide enterprise for all different businesses in Lancashire.

hey offer a range of services, including courses, bootcamps, and consultancy support, aimed at assisting both new and established businesses across Lancashire and the UK. Their programs cover areas such as digital marketing,



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We offer various opportunities, including short courses and accredited programs, to support your employment journey.

Our experienced tutors provide specialised assistance to small groups and individuals, acknowledging diverse learning styles.

If you're looking to enhance your skills, gain valuable knowledge, or explore new career opportunities, reach out to us at Newground Together. We can also upskill staff within your business and provide bespoke training.



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Next steps together



We offer a friendly and supportive Employment and Skills service for people in the communities where you work.

Our team have the skills and knowledge to support people to achieve their goals.

We create personalised support for every individual, focusing on their goals and aspirations. We offer a small and relaxed environment, to boost the confidence and skills of each person who joins our Next Steps Together programme. We can also support anyone who needs to apply for a NEW Universal Credit Claim.



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Alphabet Training is an experienced training agency, apprenticeship provider, and business support consultancy.

They offer a range of services, including fully funded Digital Skills Bootcamps aimed at enhancing professional profiles and facilitating career changes.

Additionally, they assist individuals seeking apprenticeships by connecting them with employers across various sectors.



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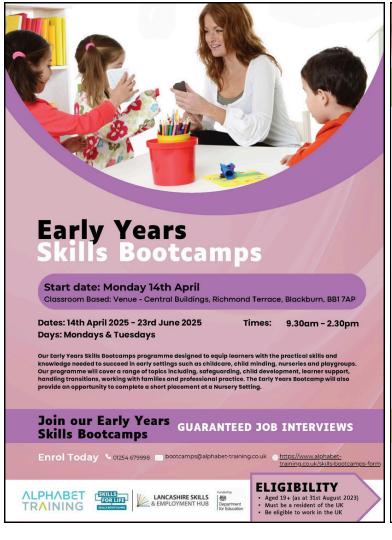


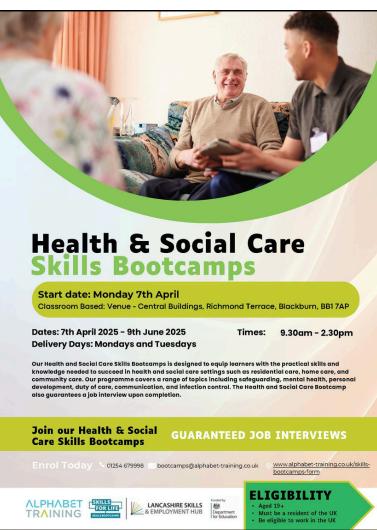
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PHX are offering a variety of courses to individuals across East Lancashire to suit personal goals and circumstances whether that's delivered face to face or flexibly online.

HIGHLIGHT

One of the highlights of May was being asked to support with the Civil Service Recruitment drive providing valuable support to those looking to work within HMRC in a customer service role. We supported 24 learners with understanding the role and responsibilities within the role, developing confidence on how to apply and complete the online interview. Out of 24 that decided to apply 18 were successful to partake in the online interview. Overall it was a hugely successful collaboration between ourselves and the DWP and no doubt 100% of the 24 will be able to use the skills developed to support them in future roles.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BURNLEY

In Burnley we have also been providing support to those looking to obtain their SIA licence and

enhance their job prospects and their own

We will be incorporating employability support and are actively engaging with local employers for those looking to move into a new career.

We are always looking to develop support offers and work with partners in the East Lancashire so please feel free to contact me directly should you like to discuss this further.

SCAN the QR code to keep up to date with all the latest news from the team.





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professional development.

Youth Action works with all young people from all communities aged 5 to 25

Sewing Workshop	Money Management Workshop	Employability Workshop		
Tuesday 10am – 12pm	Wednesday 10am – 12pm	Thursday 10am – 12pm		
Measurement guide and planning	Budgeting and saving techniques	Resume writing and cover letter tips.		
Cost calculation and Budgeting Hand Sewing Sewing Machine Introduction Sewing Kit introduction Materials and resources Introduction	Understanding financial terminologies . Managing debt effectively . Spending smartl . Financial literacy and security	Job search strategies Interview preparation and techniques. Professional Development Personal branding		
REGISTER here: https://wkf.ms/3LU1Rnr	REGISTER here: https://wkf.ms/3LU1Rnr	REGISTER here: https://wkf.ms/3LU1Rnr		
All courses are held: Unity House, Youth Action 49-51 Preston New Road Blackburn , BB2 6AE.				

For more information on the courses offered please contact:





01254 695847



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www.youthaction.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Chip In -Volunteering Opportunities

Ages: 16 - 30yrs



We offer a range of volunteering roles that allow individuals to gain valuable experience while giving back to the community. You can choose from roles in our Wellbeing Hub, supporting events such as matchday activities, birthday parties, or helping out during our holiday camps. Volunteering offers a great way to enhance your CV while making a positive impact.

Roles Include:

Wellbeing Hub Support Matchday Assistant Birthday Party Helper Holiday Camp Assistant

Requirements:

DBS check and two references required

Benefits:

Safeguarding training Inclusion training



How to Apply: Ongoing application process with flexible start dates.

For more information check out the website:



www.chipinbwd.co.uk





Lancashire Volunteer Partnership (LVP) is a gateway into public service volunteering.

Volunteering a great way to give back to your local community, enhance your CV, and meet new people.

Our volunteers tell us their experience is incredibly rewarding!

Contact us

Visit: lancsvp.org.uk
Call: 01254 666483
Email: lvp@blackburn.gov.uk



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"It gives you perspective on your own life and a little boost that you're helping someone else. It's been rewarding, enriching and humbling."

- LVP Community Support Befriender

ROLES AVAILABLE

- Supporting your neighbourhood
- ✓ Supporting adult learning
- Outdoor opportunities
- i.e. gardening / litter picking
- Supporting older people and those with a disability
- Supporting children and young people
 Improving health and wellbeing
- Community safety and resilience
- Supporting your local libraries

*Available volunteer roles vary by location



Community CVS are here to help you find your perfect volunteering opportunity. It's our mission to make volunteering in Blackburn easy to access, fulfilling and life-changing for everyone.



There are

220 local volunteering opportunities

in Blackburn with Darwen

For more information





Blackburn Volunteers - Community CVS

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supporting people to:





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Discover information and resources available in BwD for career development.



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ADULT LEARNING





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If you would like to share organisational updates, success stories, or collaborative working experiences, we'd love to hear from you! Please send your submissions via email to sabiha.patel@blackburn.gov.uk

Discover information and resources available in BwD for career development.

Discover various career paths | Explore different career sectors

Enhance your abilities

Audley Neighbourhood Learning Centre

Pringle St, Blackburn, BB1 1SF 1pm-4pm



What's on offer?

- Accredited & non-accredited courses
 - Apprenticeships & bootcamps
- Career guidance for 16-19s (up to 25 with EHCP)
- Careers Information, Advice and Guidance 19+
 - Careers with the BwDBC, NHS & NWAS
 - Job vacancies & employment support
- Volunteering & work experience, placement opportunities
 - Personal development programs
 - Health & wellbeing services

OPEN TO ALL FREE ENTRY



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