

EMPLOYABILITY NETWORK NEWSLETTER

BLACKBURN'S INSPIRING 2025 Shaping Futures, Raising Aspirations

Blackburn is Inspiring 2025

Bringing together education, employers, and young people to build the future workforce



This year's Blackburn's Inspiring event took place at Blackburn Leisure Centre on Thursday 18th^t of September, organised and delivered by BwDBC's New Directions team. Now in its eighth year, the purpose of the event is to inform and inspire young people of the options available once they leave school or complete their post 16 studies. Almost 2000 young people attended the event from BwD secondary schools and sixth forms, as well as some young people who are not currently engaged in education, employment of training.

There were 71 exhibitors on the day, including local employers, colleges, sixth forms, training providers, and universities. Employers such as the Eric Wright Group, Forbes Solicitors, Lancashire Fire and Rescue, and Leyland Trucks took part, alongside third sector organisations like Youth Action and Blackburn with Darwen Youth Zone.

The event featured interactive activities, giving young people the chance to learn hands-on and talk with employers and training providers. It was also a great opportunity for businesses to meet potential future employees.



**For More
Information**



newdirections@blackburn.gov.uk

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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

JOB CLUB

Supporting People into Work

Our professional and experienced support workers are on-hand 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



Interview Coaching



Build your confidence



Getting Online



Learn a new course

contact for more
information

**EVERY
TUESDAY**

Darwen
Community
Helpers,
Bridge St,
Darwen,
BB3 2AA

9.30am-
11.30am

**EVERY
WEDNESDAY**

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

9.30am-
11.30am

**EVERY
THURSDAY**

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

1-3pm



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

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Need help to find or stay in work?

Connect to Work can help you if you're finding it tough to get a job or stay in work. Whether you have a disability, a long-term health condition, or you're finding it hard to keep a job, **we're here to support you.** Let's talk.



- ✓ A personal employment specialist to support you
- ✓ A plan to help you meet your work goals
- ✓ Help and support at work and outside of work
- ✓ Support to help make changes at work to make things easier
- ✓ Someone to help you speak up at work

Scan the QR code to find out more:



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Being in work can improve your...



Confidence



Social Skills



Finances



Mental Health



Health



Community



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SKILLS AND
SUPPORT HUB



<<<new directions>>>

**Are you 16-19 and looking for a new direction?/
Are you 14-25yrs 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.



Monday: 1-4pm

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Tuesday: 1-4pm

Wednesday: 12-3pm

Wednesday: 1-4pm

Thursday: 10 - 12pm

Thursday: 12 - 3pm

Thursday: 1 - 4pm

Audley and Queens Park Children's Centre

Little Harwood Family Hub

Darwen Health Centre

Livesey Family Hub

Shadsworth Family Hub

Wensley Fold Children's Centre

Higher Croft Children's Centre

Darwen Health Centre



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[https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/jobs/
help-find-job/careers-advice-new-
directions](https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/jobs/help-find-job/careers-advice-new-directions)

**National
Careers
Service**
Helping you take
the next step

**Whatever the stage of
your career...
We are here to help!**

Find your new job or change your
career

**We help adults of all ages,
both in and out of work.**

Discover your
career options
through our
skills assessment

Access training,
courses and
apprenticeships

Develop job
search,
CV and
interview skills

Understand
the local
job market

Get In Touch



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nationalcareers.service.gov.uk



NCS@blackburn.gov.uk

See where learning can take you



Introduction to IT, Internet and Emails

This short course is ideal for complete beginners who can use a mouse and keyboard and want to build basic computer skills. You'll learn how to type documents, save and find files, use programs, browse the internet, and send emails with attachments safely.

Skills required: Mouse and keyboard.

368	Bank Top NLC	Thursday	9.30am - 11.30am	26/02/2026	3 weeks
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Introduction to Cyber Security – Stay Safe Online

Learn how to protect your personal information while shopping, booking, and communicating online. This course covers how to spot and avoid scams, fraud, and online risks.

Skills required: Mouse and keyboard.

371	Bank Top NLC	Thursday	9.30am - 11.30am	19/03/2026	2 hours
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Exploring Skills for Life and Work

Unsure about your next steps—career, volunteering, or personal development?

This course will help you identify your strengths, explore your skill set, and match them to suitable pathways. You will also learn how to recognise and apply transferable skills for employment, volunteering, or life goals.

302	Bank Top NLC	Tuesday	9.30am - 12pm	24/02/2026	2½ hours
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Step into Employment – CV Building

Stand Out with a Strong CV.

Learn how to create a professional CV that highlights your skills and experience. Whether you are job hunting, volunteering, or advancing your career, this course offers practical guidance to make your CV impactful. Ideal for students, job seekers, and professionals.

303	Bank Top NLC	Tuesday	9.30am - 12pm	03/03/2026	2½ hours
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386	Darwen Town Hall	Tuesday	9.30am - 12pm	12/05/2026	2½ hours
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Step into Employment – Interview Skills

Want to Ace Your Next Job Interview?

Join our interview skills course and gain the confidence to impress! Whether you are stepping into your first role or aiming for a promotion, this workshop will help you master key techniques to succeed in any interview.

304	Bank Top NLC	Tuesday	9.30am - 12pm	10/03/2026	2½ hours
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387	Darwen Town Hall	Tuesday	9.30am - 12pm	19/05/2026	2½ hours
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Highfield Level 2 Award in Customer Service

Boost Your Customer Service Skills

Whether you are in a customer-facing role or preparing for one, this course is for you. Learn key principles like meeting customer expectations, effective communication, professional behaviour, and handling difficult situations—across all industries, including telephone-based roles.

Skills required: Learners must have English language skills at Level 1 or above to complete this course.

305	Bank Top NLC	Tuesday	9.30am - 2.30pm	17/03/2026	2 weeks
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Free English & Maths Courses for Adults – Build Skills for Life and Work!

Want to feel more confident in everyday situations or boost your chances at work? Whether you're helping your children with homework, applying for jobs, or managing your money, improving your English and Maths can make a big difference.

Join our friendly, adult-only classes and take the next step towards your goals!

What You'll Gain:

- Reading, writing, and number skills
- More confidence in work, interviews, and daily tasks
- Help with job applications and CVs
- Skills to support your children's learning
- Improved budgeting and problem-solving
- A stepping stone to further training or qualifications

Why Learn With Us?

- Learn at your own pace in a relaxed, supportive environment
- No exams unless you want them
- Small, welcoming groups
- Free for all learners!

*Book!
Now!*

SCAN ME



Learn at your own pace in a relaxed,
supportive environment
No exams unless you want them,
Small and welcoming groups -

***FREE for all learners!**

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



adultlearning@blackburn.gov.uk



<https://www.bwdlearning.org>



Information Technology Solutions Skills Bootcamps

Start Date: 11th February 2026 - 31st March 2026
 Blended Learning - Classroom Location: Central Buildings, Richmond Terrace, Blackburn, BB1 7AP
 - Remote Delivery using MS Teams

Dates: 11th Feb 26 - 31st Mar 26 **Delivery:** Remote and Classroom
Times: 9.30am - 2.30pm **Classroom Sessions:** 1, 2, 3, 10, 18, 19, 20
Duration: 20 Sessions **Online Sessions:** 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Our 20 sessions IT Skills Bootcamp offers comprehensive training in essential IT areas, including cybersecurity, cloud computing, and database management. Focused on practical skills and employability, it prepares learners for the IT industry with hands-on project work and career development guidance. More details related to the course is shown overleaf.

Join our IT Solutions Skills Bootcamps **GUARANTEED JOB INTERVIEWS**

Enrol Today ☎ 01254 679998 ✉ bootcamps@alphabet-training.co.uk 🌐 <https://www.alphabet-training.co.uk/skills-bootcamps-form>

ALPHABET TRAINING **SKILLS FOR LIFE** **LANCASHIRE SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT HUB** **Funded by UK Government**

ELIGIBILITY

- Aged 19+ (as at 31st March 2025)
- Must be a resident of the UK
- Be eligible to work in the UK

**For more information
on the
courses offered
please contact:**

Get In Touch



01254 679998



bootcamps@alphabet-training.co.uk



www.alphabet-training.co.uk

YOUTH HUB

The Journey Starts Here...

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.

Get In Touch



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www.alphabet-training.co.uk

YOUTH HUB

The Journey Starts Here...

Blackburn & Darwen Youth Zone's Youth Hub is your key to unlocking potential and shaping a rewarding future. We're dedicated to supporting you through all stages of your journey, from leaving school to pursuing further education or exploring new opportunities.

Our mission: to change how a generation of young people prepare for the world of work, so our local economy thrives.



RAISING ASPIRATIONS

Empowering you to unlock your maximum potential

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Upskilling you for challenges and demands of the workplace

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Guiding you on a path toward a brighter future through positive steps.

The Youth Hub offers tailored support for 14-24 year-olds in Blackburn with Darwen. Our Progression Coaches help with CV writing, interview practice, job applications, work experience, and finding employment.

Ready to move forward towards your future? Come join us at the Youth Hub and begin an empowering journey toward achieving your dreams!

scan QR code to our referral page on our website





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.



EXPLORE YOUR POTENTIAL

Boost your confidence by taking part in fun, challenging group activities. You'll gain key skills to support you in life and work, including teamwork, leadership and communication.

Find out more via webchat at: Tracey.duerden@kingstrust.org.uk mobile - 07943557868



ON THIS COURSE YOU'LL:

- Work in a team and benefit from 1-1 support
- Take part in fun and engaging activities
- The opportunity to gain qualifications during the programme
- Receive support moving forward into work, education or training

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Taster day: monthly
Course dates: monthly
Express interest by: monthly
Location: Lancashire
Eligibility criteria: 16 - 25yrs and not in education, work or training.



YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

Uncover new skills, gain work experience and improve your local community. All with a group of people just like you. Start something, together.

Find out more contact Jessica.Walker@kingstrust.org.uk



ON THIS COURSE YOU'LL:

- Take part in a group community project
- Go on a fun-filled residential trip
- Develop English, maths, communication and teamwork skills
- Get two weeks' work experience in something you're interested in

NEED TO KNOW:

12- week personal development programme
Start dates: February, May and September
Locations: Lancashire and Cumbria
Eligibility criteria: Aged 16-25 years old and not in any work, training or education.



SIGN UP, LEARN, GET INTO RETAIL

Everyone starts somewhere. Get the skills, experience and opportunities to help you land a job.

Email Becca.Grimshaw@kingstrust.org.uk 07484906567

ON THIS COURSE YOU'LL:

- Gain in-depth training in the retail industry by completing work experience with M&S
- Improve your teamwork and communication skills and boost your confidence
- Have the opportunity to gain a 12-week employment contract
- Receive 6-months post programme support

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Taster day: Week Commencing 16 Feb 26
Course Dates: 2 Mar 26 - 27 Mar 26
Application Deadline: 12 Feb 26
Location: Stores across Lancashire
Eligibility criteria: Not in education, employment or training. Aged 16-30 years old.



START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Our free business support can help turn your idea into a reality.

Find out more Zainab.Anwer@kingstrust.org.uk 07483135849



ABOUT ENTERPRISE

You'll develop the skills and knowledge you need to launch and grow your business, thanks to one-to-one support, training and mentoring from business experts.

- Get one-to-one support
- Plan for success
- Learn and grow
- Connect and network
- Test and review your idea
- Apply for funding to test or start-up

ELIGIBILITY AND USEFUL INFORMATION:

Our business support is open to those aged 18 to 30, who have a right to work in the UK, and runs regularly throughout the year. See our website for full eligibility.



SIGN UP, LEARN, GET INTO ENGINEERING

Everyone starts somewhere. Get the skills, experience and opportunities to help you land a job.

BAE Systems value diversity, and everyone has the opportunity to be themselves and fulfil their potential no matter their background.

To find out more, get in touch:
becca.grimshaw@kingstrust.org.uk
07483906567

ON THIS FREE COURSE YOU'LL:

- Take part in an on-site work experience placement with BAE Systems.
- Develop new skills, improve your CV and boost your interview technique.
- Learn about job opportunities and apprenticeships with BAE Systems.
- Receive up to six months support after completing the programme.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Taster date: 22 Jan 26
Course dates: 9 Feb - 27 Feb 26
Express interest by: 19 Jan 26
Location: Samlesbury, Lancashire
Eligibility criteria: Aged 18-30, not in full-time employment, education or training



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Creative FUTURE

Get Started with Photography

Blackburn
16 -20 February
Age: 16 - 25

Try out hands-on activities, start building a portfolio, and screen your work to an audience – with support from inspirational industry experts.

Find out more and sign up:
andrew.mcnelly@kingstrust.org.uk
07931 614736

Thank you to our delivery partner
Blackburn College.






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Prince's Trust Team

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

Prince's Trust

12 week course for young people aged 16-25

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.

Team Leader:
Programme Support Worker:
Office:
Email:
Address:

www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/adults





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

Get In Touch



07900268703 / 07900268704



PTBlackburn@lancsfireandrescue.org.uk



<https://www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/your-community/princes-trust>

SKILLS FOR WORK

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

CONTACT



01254 292382



skillsforworkhub@blackburn.ac.uk

GATEWAY TO BLACKBURN COLLEGE

Do you want a career at Blackburn College?
Be more employable.
Get work experience at Blackburn College and gain the opportunity to start your new career.



Why choose Gateway to Blackburn College?

- Get the skills employers are looking for & gain recognised qualifications valued by employers
- You'll be guaranteed an interview to join our staff talent pool.
- Complete a work placement at Blackburn College

INDUCTION
WEDNESDAY
14TH JAN 26

Induction &
DBS
Information

WEEK 1-5
TUESDAY
27TH JAN 26

Employability
skills tailored
to your needs,
over 4 days.

WEEK 6-8
W. 6TH MARCH 26

3-week work
placement in one of
our support
areas; reception,
admin, customer
service,
catering, cleaning,
library, and Student
Support.

FLEXIBLE PLACEMENT HOURS & SUPPORT FROM A PLACEMENT MENTOR

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Who can join the Gateway to Blackburn College programme?

If you're aged 19+ and a local resident, this FREE 8 week course is for you*

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

Free accredited courses with Blackburn College *



TEACHING ASSISTANT ESSENTIALS

BLACKBURN COLLEGE SKILLS FOR WORK TEAM OFFERS THE LEVEL 1 AND 2 NCFE SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING QUALIFICATION
STARTING MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026

ABOUT THIS CLASS

Delivered by the Skills for Work Team at Blackburn College, our friendly and supportive tutors will guide you every step of the way. Learn on campus in a welcoming environment and take the first step towards a rewarding career in education!

Enrol today and make a difference

Level 1 Starting Monday 5th January 2026

Level 2 starting Monday 19th January 2026

OUR MAIN TOPICS

- UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF A TEACHING ASSISTANT
- SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
- PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH
- SUPPORTING LITERACY AND NUMERACY IN THE CLASSROOM

Speak to your work coach for more information

*Free if claiming an in work benefit or earning less than £25,750

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MENTAL HEALTH Awareness

JOIN US FOR A 4 DAY NCFE AWARD IN MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



Delivered by the Skills for Work Team at Blackburn College, our friendly and supportive tutors will guide you every step of the way. Learn on campus in a welcoming environment

NCFE LEVEL 1 AWARD IN MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

- RAISE AWARENESS OF THE ISSUES SURROUNDING MENTAL HEALTH DIFFICULTIES
- DISPEL SOME OF THE MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS FREQUENTLY LINKED TO MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
- DEVELOP YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE RIGHTS OF THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Starting Monday 19th January 2026

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START YOUR JOURNEY INTO THE UK'S LARGEST EMPLOYER!



CIVIL SERVICE

HELP TO APPLY WORKSHOP WITH BLACKBURN COLLEGE

Join our 1-week intensive course designed to help you confidently apply for roles within the Civil Service.

- Navigate the Civil Service application process
- Write effective personal statements
- Understand Success Profiles and Civil Service behaviours
- Prepare for Civil Service interviews and judgement tests
- Explore career paths across departments like DWP, HMRC, MOD, and more
- Receive expert customer service training



STARTS MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2026

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9:30AM - 2:30PM

SPEAK TO YOUR WORK COACH



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skillsforworkhub@blackburn.ac.uk

ENROL NOW



Confidence counts: Nail your next interview

Three-Day Workshop |
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM |
Launchpad Centre

Starting 27th January 2026

What you'll gain

- ✓ Confidence Building
- ✓ Master that interview
- ✓ STAR technique
- ✓ Realistic Practice
- ✓ AI insights

Overview

Ready to boost your confidence and master modern interview techniques? This practical, interactive programme is designed for adult learners who want to stand out and succeed.

Why join?

- Build confidence through repetition and expert guidance.
- Understand multi-stage recruitment processes used by top employers.
- Leave with practical tools and a clear plan for your next steps.

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step into schools

START YOUR CAREER AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT

Starts 2nd March 2026
Information Session 14th Jan 2026

14 WEEKS TRAINING
STUDY ON CAMPUS AT BLACKBURN COLLEGE AND GAIN ESSENTIAL TEACHING ASSISTANT QUALIFICATIONS

QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:
NCFE L1 PREPARING TO WORK IN SCHOOLS
NCFE LEVEL 2 SUPPORT WORK IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES
LEVEL 1 SAFEGUARDING
LEVEL 1 MENTAL HEALTH
TQUK LEVEL 2 SEND

WORK PLACEMENT
KICKSTART YOUR CAREER: 10-DAY WORK PLACEMENT + FUNDED DBS, THEN A 2-WEEK BLOCK!

skillsforworkhub@blackburn.ac.uk - 01254 292277
Course is free if claiming UC or earning less than £25,750*



Adult Education

Why Join?

Enhance your CV • Prepare for interviews • Build confidence with languages • Access work in factories, schools and hospitals • Progress and promotion opportunities

We Interview Every Thursday

Study Options: ESOL, GCSEs, Functional Skills, CELTA, Community & Employability, Spanish & Arabic

Contact: 01254 292582 | 01254 292929

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OUTSTANDING

The capacity to learn is
a *gift*; the ability to
learn is a *skill*; the
willingness to learn is a
choice.

Brian Herbert

Blackburn Rovers Community Trust is dedicated to providing all members of the local community with access to a top-quality program focused on grassroots football, educational initiatives, inclusion projects, and awareness campaigns.

KICKSTART FUTURES

A fresh start for young people in Darwen.

Kickstart Futures is part of the Blackburn Rovers Community College pathway, designed to support 16-19 year-olds in Darwen who are not currently in education, training or work.

What you'll get:

- 10-week programme (2.5 days per week)
- Friendly, small group learning and mentoring
- Employability skills: CV writing, interview prep, teamwork
- Volunteering placements with local employers and charities
- Functional skills preparation & King's Trust Achieve Certificate
- Enrichment activities: sports, team projects, free gym membership
- Wellbeing and personal support to overcome barriers

Where it leads:

- Progression onto our YMCA pre-apprenticeship programme
- Further training, volunteering, apprenticeships, or employment
- Opportunities within Blackburn Rovers Community Trust itself

Delivered locally in Darwen by Blackburn Rovers Community Trust - helping you build skills, confidence, and a brighter future.



Call: 07939 347801
Email: communitycollege@brfctrust.co.uk

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Community Trust
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Get In Touch

For more information or to make a referral,

Please contact Michelle on:



07939 347801



communitycollege@brfctrust.co.uk



Pre-apprenticeship Programme:

This programme is open to young people aged 16-18 (or 19-24 with an EHCP) who are eager to build the skills they need for apprenticeships or future employment.

Accepting referrals for our upcoming Pre-Apprenticeship Programme.
20 places available for the next cohort.

Programme Overview

Ages: 16-18 (19-24 with an EHCP)
Next Cohort Start
Date: 13th April 2026
Duration: 12-16 weeks

What You'll Learn

Employability skills
Functional skills in maths and English
Three-week work placement for hands-on experience

Additional Support

Bursary available for travel and food expenses
DBS required for work placements in childcare, education, or care sectors
Birth certificate is required on enrolment

Next Steps Together

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

- Job interview preparation
- CV refresh
- Job searching
- Connections to local employers
- Build skills, build confidence
- Personalised advice

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.

What our participants think;

"You've not only given me the opportunity to learn again and take new courses, but you've also been a massive help with my job search, from looking for work to applying for jobs."

"Things are always explained clearly and professionally but friendly at the same time and this put me at ease, nothing is too much trouble."

"The environment I was supported in was really relaxed, quiet and it wasn't formal which helped me a lot."

For more information or to make a referral, please contact hello@newground.co.uk

The Launchpad

The Launchpad, a collaboration with Blackburn College, is a space for people in Blackburn to seek employment, alongside our additional support services is now open.

Our expert team will be delighted to assist your customers to become work-ready and find local job opportunities.

Our connections with local employers and community partners mean that we can offer a wide range of services to match job seekers with local vacancies to help more people into sustained employment.

The Launchpad is open Monday to Fridays from 9am-4.30pm to guide with job searching, CV writing, 1-2-1 support such as interview preparation, energy advice, financial and debt advice, and skills training.

Strengthening connections and creating opportunities in the communities you work in

Meet the business and partnerships team from Newground Together; Working within your community, their aim is to bring organisations like yours and the communities in which you work, closer together.

What they do

Work alongside local businesses and community stakeholders to create opportunities into employment, training or develop skills to support personal growth.

We will work in partnership with you to develop work placements and offer a tailored approach to ensure specific needs are met.

Why partner with us

If your organisation truly wants to make a difference in the communities where you work, then we want to hear from you.

To find out more connect with us using our QR codes.

Tariq Ali
Business and Partnerships Lead

Kat Shah
Business and Partnerships Officer - Employment

newgroundtogether.co.uk

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

For professionals working with or supporting South Asian parents with SEND* children

- Learn how to effectively support South Asian parents
- Expand your professional practice and confidence
- Share your expertise to empower parents and families
- Make lasting change - a great CPD opportunity!

FREE:

- ~ Training
- ~ CPD

Sign up today!

CONTACT US

Naheeda Taj
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hello@YouthAction.org.uk

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Children in Need

Psychology 365

* Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
Youth Action, registered charity number 1142925

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

For more information on the courses offered please contact:

Get In Touch

01254 695847

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www.youthaction.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



Age:
16 - 30yrs



Volunteering offers a great way to enhance your CV while making a positive impact.

We offer a range of volunteering roles that allow individuals to gain valuable experience while giving back to the community.

Roles Include: Wellbeing Hub Support, Matchday Assistant, Birthday Party Helper, Holiday Camp Assistant

Requirements: DBS check and two references

Benefits: Safeguarding training, Inclusion training

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

For more information visit the website: www.chipinbwd.co.uk



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

There are **179 local volunteering opportunities** in BWD

Browse our extensive directory of local volunteering opportunities in Blackburn, Darwen

For more information visit the website: www.communitycvs.org.uk



Lancashire Volunteer Partnership (LVP) is a gateway into public service volunteering. It may be that you would like to gain experience in a specific area, or learn and progress in your career; volunteering is a great way of trying something new. Or perhaps you would like the chance to meet new people and give something back by making a difference to someone's life.

For more information visit the website: www.lancsvp.org.uk



Our volunteer programme lets you share your passion and ensures our work stays community-led. We provide full training for every role, with chances for further development. You'll also have regular support from Anthony, our Volunteer Development Officer, to help you make the most of your experience.

For more information visit the website: www.refreshbwd.com



INFORMATION / EVENTS



RECRUITMENT EVENT

**APPRENTICESHIPS • GRADUATE SCHEMES
ENTRY LEVEL ROLES**

Explore apprenticeship & graduate opportunities
across departments starting
in September 2026.

**Wednesday, 4th
February 2026
16:30 - 19:00**

**Blackburn
Leisure Centre
BB2 1LQ**

Be a part of Growing Our Own here at
Blackburn with Darwen.

blackburn.gov.uk/jobs-and-recruitment

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SAVE THE DATE

GET JOB READY

Connect with employers from different sectors who
are looking to meet engaged, job-ready people.

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2026

10am - 3pm

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Blackburn,
BB1 1EP

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WorkWell

Blackburn with Darwen

Connecting work and health

COULD THE RIGHT SUPPORT HELP YOU THRIVE, NOT SURVIVE AT WORK?

**A FREE &
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE**

WorkWell has been developed as part
of the Government's plan to help
people, with physical and mental
health conditions that are not complex
but are affecting a person's life, to
start and stay in work. This could be
things like:

✦ Feelings of being overloaded
with life and so experiencing
stress or feeling overwhelmed
and needing space to talk.

✦ Musculoskeletal (MSK), back or
knee problems, or other
discomfort and muscular
problems.

✦ Life changing circumstances
affecting confidence, skills and
aspirations.

As part of the offer, people will have
access to a work or health coach, who
will offer individualised support for up
to 12 weeks and together will agree
realistic next steps that can form part
of a personal support plan that considers
a full range of local support, which may
include:

✦ A personal assessment of your
needs to understand what
support might work best for your
circumstances.

✦ Access to local, community-
based employment, training and
skills services.

✦ Access to community physical
activities and/or exercise
programs, healthy weight and 121
coaching to support health and
wellbeing.

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YOUTHzone**

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**LANCASHIRE
WOMEN**

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for People**

**newground
together**

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Support Action Resource Volunteer



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It's my opportunity

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places**
HOUSING GROUP

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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*

