



CONNECT TO WORK

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**Empowering you
to thrive in work,
whatever your
starting point**

Connect to Work – Supporting people into employment across Kent and Medway

Connect to Work is a voluntary employment support programme launched by the UK Government as part of the Get Britain Working Strategy. It's designed to help people who face barriers to employment – such as health conditions, disabilities, or long-term unemployment – find and stay in meaningful work.

Whether someone is unemployed or at risk of leaving their job, the programme offers up to 12 months of personalised, one-to-one support.

Connect to Work helps people succeed, on their terms. From vocational profiling and job matching to in-work support and career development, Connect to Work focuses on what matters to each individual, and works closely with employers to create inclusive opportunities.

Connect to Work:

- Is a voluntary programme supporting people into work and helping them stay in work
- Is for individuals with long-term health conditions, disabilities, and other barriers
- Provides up to 12 months of personalised, one-to-one support
- Offers support for both job seekers and those at risk of leaving work
- Incorporates two nationally recognised models: IPS and SEQF
- Integrates with health, care, and community services
- Is free for participants, employers, or referrers
- Helps people build confidence, skills, and independence
- Creates inclusive workplaces and stronger communities
- Works in partnership with local organisations to reach people who need help the most



What is included?



1. Personalised Support

Tailored, one-to-one help from employment specialists who understand your unique challenges and strengths.

2. Health & Wellbeing Focus

The programme connects employment with health and skills support, working closely to understand needs and challenges and helping employers get the best from participants they employ.

3. Skills Development

Gain access to training, upskilling opportunities, and local services that boost your confidence and employability.

4. Local Opportunities

Delivered through local authorities, the programme is shaped around your community's needs – understanding where to access support for participants and matching employment needs with skilled and motivated individuals.

5. Voluntary & Empowering

You choose to take part. There's no pressure, just support to help you move forward at your own pace.

Who is eligible:

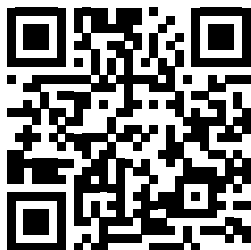
- People with disabilities or long-term health conditions
- Offenders/ex-offenders
- Carers/ex-carers
- Homeless people
- Armed Forces veterans/
current AF personnel
- People with drug or alcohol dependencies/history of dependency presenting a barrier to employment
- Care experienced young people/care leavers
- Refugees (resettled Afghans/
people on the Ukrainian scheme)
- Victims/survivors of domestic abuse
- Young people involved in or at risk of serious violence
- Victims of modern slavery



Anna, now in employment with Kent County Council's SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) team.

"It's been really helpful. They've helped me improve my CV. They've helped me learn what I want to do in the future and what I can do work wise, and that there are employers that are disability forward."

"I couldn't have done any of it without The Education People. They've helped me immeasurably."



How do I take part?

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