

WHOLE FAMILY INFORMATION & SUPPORT – FOCUS ON EMPLOYMENT, BENEFITS & FINANCIAL INCLUSION

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UNIVERSAL CREDIT – Response to ongoing Covid-19



In response to the Covid 19 pandemic and the subsequent increase in claims to Universal Credit and New Style Jobseekers Allowance, DWP is delivering a programme of new targeted provision to support claimants to re-enter employment. Job Entry Targeted Support (JETS) will provide light touch, personalised support for up to 6 months. Participants will continue to be required to fulfil their responsibilities set out and agreed in their DWP Claimant Commitment. This is additional to the support already available via DWP including the Health and Work Programme, New Enterprise Allowance and on-line support via <https://jobhelp.dwp.gov.uk>

For additional information please visit the weblink or contact the Employment Advisor for your team, contact details above.

ADVICE - For people struggling to pay essential bills due to Covid-19



For families worried about paying utility bills or repaying credit cards, loans or mortgages due to the impact of coronavirus, the link below provides guidance sets out the steps they can take to get the support they need: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/advice-for-people-who-are-struggling-to-pay-essential-bills-because-of-coronavirus>

CAREERS – Support for young people



The East Sussex Careers Hub's mission is to inspire and prepare young people for the world of work. Bringing together schools, colleges and employers to provide careers support for all young people. <https://careerseastsussex.co.uk/>

KICKSTART SCHEME



The Kickstart Scheme is a 6-month paid job with a local employer, funded by the Government. It provides a fully funded opportunity for you to get experience of working in one of the UK's most exciting companies.

The Kickstart Scheme was announced by the Chancellor in the Summer and expects to offer hundreds of thousands of job opportunities over the next few years. A £2 billion pot is available to fully fund exciting positions with businesses across the UK. Jobs from the Kickstart Scheme will be open to people 16-24 years old, who are claiming Universal Credit, and are at risk of long-term unemployment.

For more information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/kickstart-scheme>

WEA: employment courses



There are a wide range of confidence, resilience and self-esteem boosting classes great for people looking to make changes in their lives. There are also classes to support people looking for work, some listed below.

All courses are FREE if in receipt of benefits

Call 0300 303 3464 or enrol online at www.wea.org.uk

Computer Skills for work Course code C3745853

Get started using Microsoft Office 365. Get to grips with cut, copy and paste and Tables in Word. Understand basic formulae and functions in Excel. Sort and filter data in Excel.

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Get that Job! (50+) Course code C3745852

Develop confidence, identity and self-worth. Plan actions towards your goals to help you can move forward and learn positive behaviours to improve your performance and personal effectiveness.

Tuesday 27th October, 8 weeks, 10.00am-12pm, £38.40

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2020/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3745852>

Recognise your Potential Course Code C3745972

Taster session. Boost confidence and realise that your skills and qualities count. Identify your transferable skills.

Starting Monday 19th October, 10am-12pm , £6.40

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2020/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C3745972>

YES: The Youth Employability Service



The Youth Employability Service (YES) East Sussex is the targeted information, advice and guidance (IAG) service for 16-18 year olds. Commissioned by East Sussex County Council and delivered by MY Trust, YES supports young people in all parts of the county and has drop-in centres in both Eastbourne and Hastings.

YES provides impartial support to meet the wide range of complex needs of young people in East Sussex, working with some of the most vulnerable and disengaged young people in the county to break down barriers to participating in learning, training, employment and apprenticeships. YES offers 1:1 support through specialist and qualified advisers including those co-located with the Youth Offending Team, Through Care Team and ISEND.

YES East Sussex welcomes referrals from agencies, parents and young people themselves, but it will also proactively seek out and engage young people who would benefit from support with education, employment or training. To see the latest Job and Apprenticeship lists please check out their Facebook page [@YESeastSussex](https://www.facebook.com/YESeastSussex) or view the [Resource Site](https://sites.google.com/view/esyes/home) full of information for young people: <https://sites.google.com/view/esyes/home>