



TOWARDS
WORK



BUILDING BETTER
OPPORTUNITIES

**SUPPORTING YOU WITH THOSE FIRST STEPS
TOWARDS GAINING EMPLOYMENT,
EDUCATION AND TRAINING
THROUGH A PERSONALISED JOURNEY.**



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WHAT WILL TOWARDS WORK DO FOR YOU?

We will help you get closer to work, education or training in the following ways;

- Our Work Coaches will work with you and agree the support you need to get you closer to your goals
- We will help you to remain in work or training once you have secured a placement, by working on some of the barriers you face
- We will support you to feel more confident and ready to look for the right opportunities for you
- We will provide you with a Personal Budget to help you access work. It can be used for things like child care, work equipment, training, bus passes, clothing and much more!





ABOUT TOWARDS WORK

The Groundwork Greater Nottingham **Towards Work** project is part of the national Building Better Opportunities Programme.

Jointly funded by the National Lottery Community Fund & the European Social Fund, the programme is delivered throughout Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Derbyshire by a partnership of local organisations who specialise in supporting people in to work.

We aim to support with those first vital steps towards gaining employment through a personalised service and support to overcome barriers an individual may face.

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“I had returned from prison, my children were emotionally broken, their father who suffered with mental health issues had left and we’d been homeless twice. Exhausted and with an inability to share the burden and reach out for help, it was hard to move forward.

Towards Work recognised I needed to remain focussed and built me a personal action plan. They allowed me to use my personal budget for mentoring courses and restored my self-belief through one-to-one meetings and support. We now have a stable home and I am now employed!”

Leanne, Derbyshire

“I felt lost after finishing college and over the years I fell into a state of depression. I could only find part time seasonal work or zero hours contracts. I was being made to apply for the same job and attend courses to avoid my benefits being stopped.

I turned to a family member for help and they introduced me to the Towards Work programme. The Work Coach actually listened and treated me like an individual. I started to leave the house more and eventually started to volunteer.

I would never have imagined myself in a job where I interact with new people on a regular basis but now I help others to overcome the challenges I once faced.”

Max, Nottinghamshire





“I had been in and out of care all of my life and had left school without many qualifications. At seventeen I became a mother.

I was a single mum looking for work and needed help with confidence and anxiety.

Towards Work changed my life. I built my education with Level 2 English and Maths and completed other courses and worked with my Work Coach on confidence skills. I am now working for the programme and help people like myself. I never thought I would get this far in just a small amount of time.”

Katie, Nottingham





To find out more about Towards Work and how to access one-to-one support, access to a personal budget and employment assistance please visit the 'Get In To Work' page on the website.

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