



Building Better Opportunities Programme

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What is Building Better Opportunities?



- ▶ A support programme for unemployed or economically inactive people aged 16+ (or 15 if not in employment, education, or training)
- ▶ It is designed to tackle poverty, promote social inclusion and to remove barriers to employment for the most disadvantaged.
- ▶ The programme supports with:
 - ▶ Financial Capability
 - ▶ Multiple and complex needs
 - ▶ Employability and skills



Eligibility Criteria



To be eligible you must be:

- ▶ Registered Unemployed or Economically inactive
- ▶ Legal resident in the UK and able to take paid employment
- ▶ For people experiencing financial difficulty (Money Sorted)
- ▶ Age 16 years or over (15 – 18 years if Not in Employment, Education or Training or at risk of becoming NEET)



Money Sorted



► Who is this project for?

This project can help support individuals experiencing financial difficulties.

► What support is provided by this project?

A Personal Navigator would work with the participant to understand their situation and would put in a plan to help them manage their finances to gain stability.

They will work intensively with the participant as an advocate to understand:

1. Wider life factors – barriers that impinge financial well being
2. Financial circumstances (debt, income etc.)
3. Money Management – financial capability support (including; bite size courses with other providers; practical learning; money mentor support)



Money Sorted



What other support is offered by the project?

- ▶ **Intervention Budget:** Personal Navigator has access to two small budgets to assist participants with travel costs, any training, other relevant items.
- ▶ **Length of Support:** 6 months
- ▶ **Case study:** <https://moneysortedind2n2.org/case-studies/>

What our participants have said...

'The Money Sorted service was helpful and informative and has definitely improved my confidence with money. My Personal Navigator was very patient with me and I appreciated the fact that all this support could be delivered in my own home'. (Money Sorted participant)



Referring to Money Sorted



- ▶ An individual can self-refer, or someone can refer on their behalf with their permission.
- ▶ To refer, please call or email the contact for the area in which you live:

Area and Delivery Partner	Contact Details
Chesterfield, Bolsover and NE Derby(s) – Derbyshire Law Centre/ Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre	To access a Personal Navigator in your local area email info@moneysortedind2n2.org
High Peak, Derbyshire Dales, Amber Valley and Erewash – Derbyshire Districts CAB and Direct Help and Advice	
South Derbyshire – Citizen's Advice Mid Mercia	

- ▶ For more information visit: www.moneysortedind2n2.org



Opportunity & Change



► Who is the project for?

This project can help support individuals with multiple disadvantage who aspire to resolve these (and move into employment/training).

► What support is provided by this project?

A Personal Navigator would assess the participant's needs and would put in place a 'Change Plan' that will focus on resolving complex needs.

They would help them to access other types of support such as counselling, psychosocial interventions, a Care Act Assessment by professional Social Worker.

We also have a training programme that provides additional benefit to those who attend the modules:

- **'Skills Plus for Change'**: six modules: Housing, money, positive wellbeing, healthy living skills for life & employability

An assessment is completed and to be eligible at least 2 of the following are required:

- To be homelessness or vulnerably housed
- Have mental health issues
- Have substance misuse issues
- Have offended in the past or are at risk of re-offending
- Are a victim/survivor of domestic abuse.



Opportunity & Change



What other support is offered by the project?

- ▶ **Intervention Budget:** Personal Navigator has access to a budget to fund any positive activity or intervention to help bring about stability.
- ▶ **Length of Support:** 12 – 18 months
- ▶ **Case study:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUhs25fx7eg>



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- ▶ For more information visit: www.opportunityandchange.org



Towards Work



► Who is this project for?

This project can help support a participant if they have barriers that are stopping them from accessing education, training and employment opportunities.

A barrier could be mental or physical ill health, confidence, a lack of educational attainment, or low or changing skill set. It could also be childcare, transport (such as living in a rural place or living somewhere with poor public transport links).

► What support is provided by this project?

A Work Coach would meet with the participant to understand their personal barriers and would work with them to develop an Action Plan.

An Action Plan would help align progression against a number of milestones and goals to help them move closer to the labour market. This might include help with confidence and looking at what could be done to help them remove barriers in order to move forward.

A Job Broker might work with them after a few months to help find volunteering or work experience opportunities – or even employment.

Groups we are particularly targeting:

- Young people at risk of/not in employment, education or Training (NEET)
- Women returners (childcare requirements)
- Individuals aged 50+



Towards Work



What other support is offered by the project?

- ▶ **Personal Budget:** The Work Coach can use the budget to support your individual journey, including up to 3 months in-work support.
The personal budget could be used for things like qualifications, travel and childcare.
- ▶ **Length of Support:** 12 months and 3 months in to employment.
- ▶ **Case Studies:** <https://www.towardswork.org.uk/casestudies/>



Referring to Towards Work



- ▶ An individual can self-refer, or someone can refer on their behalf with their permission.
- ▶ To refer, please either do so over the website www.TowardsWork.org.uk, or by emailing: BBOferrals@groundworknottingham.org.uk

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