

# CONNECT TO WORK

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

- Voluntary supported employability programme
- 12+ months of support
- For people with a disability, long term health condition or other complex barrier to employment
- Available to start right now



## Focus



We focus on finding meaningful paid work that suits your unique circumstances, strengths and needs. 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.

“The Connect to Work Programme has helped me out massively when it comes to confidence, adjusting to work, and teaching me how to be a valuable member of a team. It’s been life-changing.” – Louis



## What’s on offer:

- Support for over 9,000 participants in Kent & Medway
- 12 Months if you’re unemployed, 4 months if you’re in work
- Flexible appointments at a location that suits you
- Career development
- Fully integrated employer engagement
- Hands-on support to aid the transition into work
- Travel training, communication support, coaching and regular check-ins once in work
- 100% voluntary and free

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## Frequently asked questions



### **Can I join the programme, but change my mind later?**

Yes, you can pause or stop at any time. This is a voluntary programme, meaning you choose when to start or finish the support. Leaving the programme will not affect any benefits you may be receiving.

### **I'm not sure if I fit the criteria, can I still apply?**

If you're not sure get in touch to chat with a friendly advisor.

### **Do I need to be on benefits?**

No, this programme is for anyone, regardless of benefit or household income.

### **I've never worked before, do I need experience?**

No, as long as you would like to start working, we could support you.

### **I am on Universal Credit, will this change my benefits?**

No, this programme will not stop or start any benefit entitlements. It will also not stop your current appointments with the Jobcentre, if you have them.

### **I have a job, but I might be let go or made redundant soon**

Don't wait, contact us to see if we can support you now.

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## Who is eligible:



**You must have personal current or previous experience with any of the following:**

- Disability or long-term health condition
- Mental illness, or neurodivergence
- Caring for someone
- Experiencing homelessness
- A veteran or veteran's spouse
- Living with drug or alcohol challenges
- Being in foster care
- Criminal convictions
- Afghan or Ukrainian refugee
- Surviving domestic abuse
- A young person at risk of crime
- Victim of modern slavery



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