

# ***Access to Employment***

## **Supporting adults who are unemployed or 'inactive' in Lancashire**

### **1. Introduction**

Access to Employment is a significant ESF project that is being delivered by the Lancashire Skills and Employment Executive Partnership (LESEP), a consortium of local colleges and training providers, with a number of additional delivery partners.

Access to Employment supports adults who are unemployed or 'inactive' to progress to employment, apprenticeships or further training. The project will run until July 2018, supporting individuals across the Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership area.

Those who may benefit from the wide range of support available can be referred/signposted to the project for an initial discussion about how it might help them to achieve their goals. Referrals can be made by contacting any of the delivery partners listed overleaf.

### **2. Eligibility and target groups**

All participants must have a legal right to live and work in the UK and all delivery must take place within the Lancashire LEP area. The Lancashire LEP area includes Lancashire County and the Unitary Authorities of Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen. Access to Employment can support individuals aged 19+ who are:

- unemployed (any length of unemployment); or
- inactive (full-time students are not eligible).

While any adult who falls within one of the groups above can be supported, Access to Employment has as priority target groups those who:

- are aged over 50;
- are from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Communities;
- are female;
- lack basic skills;
- have disabilities or health problems;
- are lone parents.

### **3. Support available**

Access to Employment aims to provide personalised and flexible packages of support appropriate to individual needs and aspirations and that are informed by the opportunities available in the local labour market. This will include vocational and employability skills training as well as bespoke pre-employment or pre-apprenticeship training packages designed in response to specific employers' recruitment needs. The aim is to support participants to progress into employment, apprenticeships or further training.

Packages of support might include:

- Innovative engagement methods e.g. taster sessions and 'have a go' activities;
- Independent information, advice and guidance;
- 1-2-1 key-worker, coaching and mentoring support with regular progress reviews;
- Motivational and confidence-building activities;
- Employability skills, including ICT;
- Vocational training, tasters, and qualifications;
- Work experience, tasters, placements or internships;
- English / maths / functional skills plus ESOL where this is a barrier to progression;
- Enterprise and self-employment advice and support;
- Support with CVs, job applications, interview skills;
- Guaranteed interviews for jobs or apprenticeships.

#### **4. Promotional materials**

Posters, leaflets, case studies and other promotional material can be downloaded and printed from our website [www.access-to-employment.co.uk](http://www.access-to-employment.co.uk). Unfortunately we are unable to supply printed copies of these materials.

#### **5. Contact details**

Please signpost/refer individuals who you feel might benefit from this project (and who meet the eligibility criteria above) by contacting one of the local delivery partners listed overleaf. Further information about the support offered by each delivery partner can be found on our website [www.access-to-employment.co.uk](http://www.access-to-employment.co.uk).



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## Access to Employment Delivery Network – contacts for referrals

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