

EMPLOYABILITY NETWORK NEWSLETTER

BANK TOP LEARNING CENTRE
Arthur Way, Blackburn, BB2 1QP

**AUDLEY AND QUEENS PARK
NEIGHBOURHOOD
LEARNING CENTRE**
Pringle St, Blackburn BB1 1SF



Our centers provide a comfortable and welcoming environment, supported by friendly staff. Both locations offer a range of learning and training opportunities, including:

Easy access for those with mobility difficulties, individual advice and guidance on learning, training, and career progression, assistance with job searches, such as writing CVs and conducting mock interviews, Free use of computers with internet access for education, training, and employment needs, access to a photocopier and private interview rooms.

NEW COURSES for SEPT 24

New courses launching in September 2024 include the Award in Personal Development for Employability. This course aims to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to enhance their employment success across various occupational sectors. The qualification's content and structure are designed to be flexible, allowing learners to acquire a diverse set of employment-based skills and gain exposure through various work-related experiences.



CLICK HERE

BwD Adult Learning Brochure

adultlearning@blackburn.gov.uk

01254 507720/
01254 581175

<https://www.bwdlearning.org>

JOB CLUB

Supporting People into Work

Our professional and experienced support workers are on-hand to help you get back to work. We have access to a range of courses, work experience and volunteering opportunities that will help to improve your appeal to employers.



CV & Cover Letters



Job Searching



Interview Coaching



Build your confidence



Getting Online



Learn a new course

contact for more
information

EVERY
MONDAY

Bangor Street Community Centre,
Norwich St, Blackburn, BB1 6NZ

1-3pm

EVERY
TUESDAY

Audley Neighbourhood Learning
Centre, Pringle St, Blackburn, BB1 1SF

1-3pm

EVERY
TUESDAY

Darwen Town Hall, Croft St,
Darwen, BB3 1BG

9.30am-11.30pm

EVERY
THURSDAY

Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre,
Arthur Way, Blackburn, BB2 1QP

1-3pm

 employmentsupport@blackburn.gov.uk

 01254 666483



<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/jobs/help-find-job/employability-mentoring>

**National
Careers
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Helping you take
the next step

Whatever the stage of
your career...
We are here to help!

Find your new job or change your
career

We help adults of all ages,
both in and out of work.

Discover your
career options
through our
skills assessment

Access training,
courses and
apprenticeships

Develop job
search,
CV and
interview skills

Understand
the local
job market

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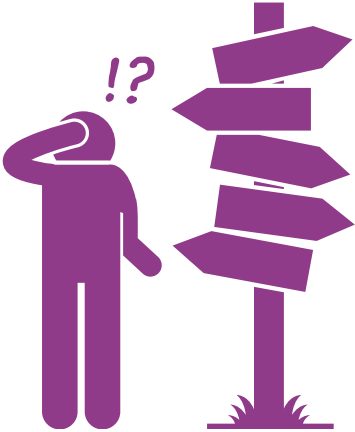
NCS@blackburn.gov.uk



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**Are you 16-19 and looking for a new direction?/
Are you 14-25yrs with an EHCP?**

New Directions is a careers, information and advice service for young people within Blackburn and Darwen. We can provide you with the support you need to make choices about your future. Come and meet our team of friendly advisors at one of the sessions below.



Monday: 1-4pm
Tuesday: 1-4pm
Wednesday: 12-3pm
Wednesday: 1-4pm
Thursday: 10 - 12pm
Thursday: 12 - 3pm
Thursday: 1 - 4pm

Audley and Queens Park Children's Centre
Little Harwood Family Hub
Livesey Family Hub
Shadsworth Family Hub
Wensley Fold Children's Centre
Higher Croft Children's Centre
Darwen Town Hall



01254 666424



newdirections@blackburn.gov.uk



<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/jobs/help-find-job/careers-advice-new-directions>

YOUTH HUB The Journey Starts Here...

Tailored support is offered to young people aged 14-24, with progression coaches assisting with CV writing, interview practice, job applications, work experience, and finding employment.

Blackburn and Darwen Youth Zone- Aspirations, Skills and Progression Offer

The Youth Hub at Blackburn & Darwen Youth Zone is a vital resource for young people in the area, dedicated to unlocking their potential and shaping rewarding futures. With a mission to transform how a generation prepares for the world of work, the Youth Hub focuses on raising aspirations, developing skills, and guiding individuals towards positive progression routes.

In addition to career support, the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service provides programmes aimed at empowering young individuals with essential life skills, enhancing emotional well-being, and boosting confidence as they journey towards independence.

These programmes cover stress management, resilience building, confidence boosting, and practical workshops on topics such as financial management, household skills, and career planning.



These initiatives, the Youth Hub aims to strengthen mindsets, embrace future opportunities, and empower young people to thrive in all aspects of their lives.



Find out more information by clicking on the QR code

Referrals can be made by partners or through self-referral via our website link:



01254 292004



enquiries@blackburnyz.org



<https://www.blackburnyz.org>

The skills for work team at Blackburn college are passionate about people and helping to upskill our local community.

We offer a variety of accredited and non-accredited short courses to help build confidence and skills for further training, volunteer work, or employment. Courses are free for those claiming benefits or earning less than £20,319.

SKILLS FOR WORK

4 week course
Runs 9am to 12
Midday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Level 1 Award in Cyber Security

Starts Tuesday 25th June 2024

Would you like to know about Cyber Security?
Would you like to learn about protective methods to maintain cyber security?
Would you like to be familiar with legislation and codes of conduct related to cyber security?

Runs: 9.am – 4 pm
4 Day Fast Track:
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Test - Friday

Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS)

Starting Monday 1st July 2024

If you are in receipt of a benefit, Blackburn College can offer the Health and Safety course and CSCS test to achieve the Labourers card at no cost to you.

- Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment
- CSCS Operative Test
- CSCS Card
- Accredited Training & 11:1 support

At Blackburn College, although it is the exam season, courses are still running, and recruitment is ongoing to respond to the JCP and employers' referrals in the community and beyond:

Computers Don't Byte Starting Monday 10th June running for 3 weeks

We are currently delivering sport sessions for the deaf village

Working with the job centre offering 50+ provision

Minecraft learners held a Pop Up cafe at Mee Maws in the exchange and we plan to hold our final pop up cafe 28th June pop down for lunch and support our learners

ESOL

ESOL students at Blackburn College actively participated in organising a charity event, comprising a lively Carnival Walk around Corporation Park and a bustling stall event showcasing a variety of handcrafted items.

They developed key employability and communication skills, raising £2009 for Nightsafe and East Lancs Hospice. This achievement highlights the dedication of both students and staff.



COURSE UPDATES

G.C.S.E / FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS & ENGLISH

We are currently in the middle of our busy exam period, with all students excited about completing their courses.

Our main assessment days start in July, where all applicants will be invited in for an assessment so we can discuss the most appropriate course and starting point for each individual. Please apply through the website or by coming into college to secure your appointment.

At Community CVS Volunteer Centre, we aim to strengthen and support volunteering in Blackburn with Darwen and nearby areas, enhancing the experience for volunteers and volunteer organisations across all sectors.

Community CVS Volunteer Training

Day 1 Introduction to Volunteering

- What is volunteering & why is it important
 - Volunteer roles
 - Benefits of volunteering
- Volunteering & Skills for Work
 - Expectations
- Volunteer responsibilities
- Team working & Communication

Day 2 – Volunteering in Practice

- GDPR, Data protection & Online Safety
- Confidentiality, Boundaries & Supervision
 - Equality & Diversity
- H&S and Volunteering safely
 - Safeguarding
 - Communication
- Confidence & Self esteem

Day 3 – Professional Practice in Volunteering

- Volunteering & Professional Behaviour
 - Attitudes, Values & Beliefs
- Respecting Diversity & Challenging inequality
 - Reflective practice in action
 - Dealing with Conflict
- Lone working Day

Day 4 – Volunteering in Recovery Services

- Roles and responsibilities of a Recovery Service Volunteer
- Understand the SPARK Cooperative
- Skills & Attributes of Recovery volunteer
 - Professional Boundaries
 - Reflective Practice
 - Addiction & Recovery
 - Health & Wellbeing
 - Support Services

Training Dates

| Day 1 Monday | Day 3 Tuesday | Day 3 Monday | Day 4 Tuesday |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Mon 1 July | Tues 2 July | Mon 8 July | Tues 9 July |
| Mon 16 Sept | Tues 17 Sept | Mon 23 Sept | Tues 24 Sept |
| Mon 18 Nov | Tues 19 Nov | Mon 25 Nov | Tues 26 Nov |

Support into or advice around volunteering call into the Boulevard Centre:

Mon - Fri 10am to 4pm

Apply online via

Blackburn Volunteers

Scan the QR code
to visit our website



Darwen Volunteers

Scan the QR code
to visit our website



kate.lee@communitycvs.org.uk.



<https://www.communitycvs.org.uk/volunteer/community-cvs-volunteer-centre/>

Lancashire Volunteer Partnership (LVP) is a gateway into public service volunteering. Volunteering is a great way to make a difference, enhance your CV and to meet new people. Our volunteers tell us their experience is incredibly rewarding! here are a range of opportunities available.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION



lvp@blackburn.gov.uk



www.lancsvp.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT READER VOLUNTEER

Do you enjoy reading and want to help others learn? We are seeking volunteers to assist adults in Blackburn and Darwen in developing essential reading skills. Volunteers will work one-on-one with adults to improve their reading and confidence, meeting at convenient times and locations like learning centers or libraries.

For more information

CLICK HERE



Greenfields Community Centre

Greenfields Community Centre seeks volunteers to help with daily operations. Volunteering here is rewarding, offering the chance to meet diverse people and positively impact their lives. We need passionate individuals, especially on our busiest days, Tuesdays and Fridays. If you have a few spare hours weekly, please see the links below.

For more information

CLICK HERE



Super Slow Way is an arts programme in Pennine Lancashire shaped by local communities working alongside artists.

We support people who have little or no experience of the traditionally subsidised arts sector to weave the fabric of a future cultural landscape in Pennine Lancashire along the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Corridor using its rich assets of environment, heritage, and community.

Whats's On



hello@superslowway.org.uk



<https://superslowway.org.uk>

WOODWORKING WORKSHOP WITH SHAUN ROBERTS

Join Shaun Roberts for a woodworking workshop at Audley Space. Learn handcrafting skills and help create community furniture.

Details:

When: Every second and final Wednesday of the month, 10am – 1pm
Where: Audley, on the field next to Jans, Higher Audley St, Blackburn BB1 1DH (enter via woodland entrance)
Parking: Use St Paul's Church car park; no parking at Jans
Provided: Tools; wear suitable outdoor clothing

SUPER SLOW WAY GARDENING CLUB (AUDLEY)

Join us every first and third Wednesday of the month from 10am-1pm at Audley Space. Work with local artist Ian Halawi to develop and maintain the green space with various activities throughout spring and summer.

Details:

When: First and third Wednesday of the month, 10am – 1pm
Where: Audley, Higher Audley St, Blackburn BB1 1DH (enter via woodland entrance)
Parking: Use St Paul's Church car park; no parking at Jans
Provided: Tools and gloves; wear suitable outdoor clothing
No commitment: Come as you please!

BLACKBURN ALMANAC MAKING WORKSHOP

Join Ian Halawi for a monthly workshop exploring the seasons at Audley Space and the Blackburn stretch of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. Learn about local fauna, flora, and food, and help create Blackburn's first contemporary printed Almanac.

Details:

When: Every third Wednesday of the month, 1-3pm
Activities: Printmaking, recipe sharing, photography, song, and more
Inclusivity: Open to all, welcoming guest facilitators
Contact: For contributions, email ben@superslowway.org.uk

27 Miles – Pop Up Cafe

Join Annie of Bean Fresh Food at Audley Space for fresh, local food

Details:

When: First and third Wednesday of each month, 12-2pm
Where: Audley Space, Higher Audley St (enter via woodland entrance)
Focus: Ingredients sourced within 27 miles of the canal corridor in Pennine Lancashire
Menu: Announced on our website and social media a few days beforehand
Guest Pop Ups:
5th June – Warsaw Kitchen (Italian)
19th June – Hajats Homemade (Indian)

Parking: Use St Paul's Church car park; no parking at Jans



FEMALE VETERANS

EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME

HELP BUILD ON SKILLS & QUALITIES TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT

WORKSKILLS

- CV writing
- Interview prep
- Searching and applying for work

ACTIVITIES

- Breakfast meetings
- Quizzes
- Crown green bowling
- Volunteering
- Trips
- Walk and talk

SOFTSKILLS

- Self-esteem
- Motivation
- Confidence
- Social skills

OPEN TO ALL HRH ARMED FORCES

THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUST

INTERESTED?

Contact Lauren Yeates
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E: CommunityCollege@brfctrust.co.uk

This programme will run alongside our successful Rovers Veterans club

We are currently running the Chip In Project, which is a place-based project here at Blackburn Rovers Community Trust.

Participants will complete volunteering opportunities, such as sports coach, admin, holiday camp, and within the Well-being Hub.

The project aims to support and engage young people ages 16-30 by providing meaningful opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Participants will have the chance to develop new skills, gain valuable experience and make a positive impact in their community.


We will provide a mentor service during the project, reviewing their progress throughout.

Start date: Instant starts

End date: 31/08/2024

Get In Touch

Please contact Lauren and Michelle on:

 **07939 347801**

 **communitycollege@brfctrust.co.uk**

LANCASHIRE WOMEN

We offer a whole system person-centred approach, and each person will be allocated a dedicated caseworker who will work with them to overcome their barriers. We accept self-referral online through our website www.lancashirewomen.org or services can refer into us using our referral form attached.

We offer support with employment support, mental health and wellbeing support (1 to 1 sessions and group sessions), money advice and energy advice. We also have a Justice & Safety team who work with women in the justice system or women who might face homelessness or domestic abuse.

Raising Aspirations

We work to improve resilience and overcome barriers by developing a range of personal skills to support positive futures. Some of the challenges could be a result of:

Adverse childhood experiences

Learning and /or physical disabilities

Health and long-term conditions

Emotional & mental health

Misusing substance & alcohol



PHX are offering a variety of courses to individuals across East Lancashire to suit personal goals and circumstances whether that's delivered face to face or flexibly online.

HIGHLIGHT

One of the highlights of May was being asked to support with the Civil Service Recruitment drive providing valuable support to those looking to work within HMRC in a customer service role. We supported 24 learners with understanding the role and responsibilities within the role, developing confidence on how to apply and complete the online interview. Out of 24 that decided to apply 18 were successful to partake in the online interview. Overall it was a hugely successful collaboration between ourselves and the DWP and no doubt 100% of the 24 will be able to use the skills developed to support them in future roles.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BURNLEY

In Burnley we have also been providing support to those looking to obtain their SIA licence and enhance their job prospects and their own professional development.

We will be incorporating employability support and are actively engaging with local employers for those looking to move into a new career.

We are always looking to develop support offers and work with partners in the East Lancashire so please feel free to contact me directly should you like to discuss this further.

SCAN the QR code to keep up to date with all the latest news from the team.



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<https://phxtraining.co.uk>



Customer Service Course

Elevate Your Customer Service Skills and Stand Out with Our Accredited Certification

Our customer service course will give you the skills you need to excel in this important role and earn an accredited qualification. You'll learn customer service principles, delivery techniques, and how to effectively communicate with customers.

What will the course cover?

- Customer service principles.
- Customer service delivery techniques
- Effective communication with customers
- Handling customer problems
- Personal development
- Accredited qualification upon course completion
- And much More!



Take the first step towards a rewarding career in customer service with our comprehensive and practical customer service course.

Sign up now and gain the skills and confidence you need to excel in this vital role.

PHX Training, Telephone: 01254 311442 Email: blackburn@phxtraining.co.uk

**Course
Start Date**

Monday 10/6/24 till Friday 26/6/24 - 9.30am till 4pm (flexible if people need to leave early due to childcare or other commitments)!!

Individual Placement Support

Free tailored recruitment solutions for employers and organisations within Blackburn with Darwen

Our service is free

We're passionate about connecting people and businesses, and creating opportunities that make a real difference.

Here's how it works:

- Our employment specialists match your business with candidates who are ready to work and perfectly skilled for the job.
- You get to decide the terms of employment and hours worked.
- And the best part? There are no agency or recruitment fees involved at any stage of the process.

Here's how you benefit:

- Reach a motivated local workforce that's eager to get to work.
- Build a flexible, valuable workforce that suits the changing demands of your business.
- And receive free, ongoing support from your dedicated IPS Specialist for every member of staff you employ through us.



Creating bright futures for people, places and local communities

CAREERS

We provide a wide range of job skills training, adult education, and employability programmes in the North West. Whether your goal is self-improvement or getting into employment, we can help you take your next step into a long-lasting new career.

GET IN TOUCH

Interested in what we could do for you? Get in touch today and we will be happy to talk through your options.



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EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS AND SUPPORT HUB



Blackburn with Darwen
ADULT LEARNING

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Our Partners

If you would like to share organisational updates, success stories, or collaborative working experiences, we'd love to hear from you! Please send your submissions via email to sabiha.patel@blackburn.gov.uk