

Goodbye  
&  
Good Luck

From the WiLL project!



Your comprehensive guide  
to other support services  
in the Loughborough area.

## THE WILL PROJECT ENDS!

It's only now that the Work Live Leicestershire (WILL) project can start to reflect on a timeline of events. Through all of the challenges faced, there are many reasons to be proud.

The mission statement of the WILL project was to 'overcome barriers to training, employment and wellbeing, across rural Leicestershire, through collaboration.' Through organisations working together, with common goals, this has been followed to the letter.



Looking back to April 2019, when the WILL project was officially launched, it was estimated that over 500 rural residents would be helped by June 2020. Fast forward to 2023, after the pandemic forced a project extension, more than double that number have accessed employment support from the programme.

## FINAL EVALUATION

The social impact and legacy of the Work Live Leicestershire (WILL) project is defined by an evaluation from independent consultants, compiled by Krista Blair and Dr Jennie Jordan.

It was commissioned to share learning and identify continuing needs in rural areas. This event contributes to shared learning and future lessons. A good practice guide is soon to be published, with responses to challenges that local communities are likely to face.



The evaluation forms a basis that can assist in planning and securing investment for potential future work, so that other organisations can offer similar methods of employment support. There is more of a need for these services than ever, as it stands today, and the blueprint is there for how these initiatives can succeed.

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## WHAT'S AROUND NOW?

There's now likely to be a big gap, where the WILL project was, when it comes to support in the communities that we used to serve. We recognise that and are still trying to help.

The good news is that our team have been able to refocus their efforts and harness their knowledge, of your local area, to produce this guide, which is a here-and-now directory of the other organisations, projects and initiatives that you should be able to access.



This is specific to you and your community, so you won't have to look any further, for more information, about what's available and relevant to your locality. This is where the WILL project can point you towards the relationships that we have built, so that we know that you have been left in good hands.



## CAREERS & ENTERPRISE HUB

In the heart of Loughborough's market-place, the Careers & Enterprise Hub has been set up to provide in-house practical advice and guidance for local people, who can range from unemployed to aspiring entrepreneurs.

It's thanks to £750,000 of funding from Loughborough Town Deal, allowing Charwood Borough Council to buy the building. A partnership between the council, Loughborough College, Loughborough University and local employers provides its services.

Employment support from help with CV writing and building, job search, sourcing apprenticeships to starting a business and so much more are all available through the Hub. They can be contacted by directly calling 01509 618 262 or find them online, by going to [lucoll.ac.uk/careers-hub](http://lucoll.ac.uk/careers-hub).

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# EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND CAREERS ADVICE

## JOB CENTRE

Council, Southfield Road, Loughborough, LE11 2TX.

## NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

[nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)

## CAREERS ADVICE

[leicestershire.gov.uk/work-and-skills](https://leicestershire.gov.uk/work-and-skills)

# JOB CLUBS, LOCAL JOBS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

## EMPLOYMENT HUB

Loughborough Library, Tuesdays, 10am-12pm.

## LOCAL JOB SEARCH

<https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk>

## COUNCIL JOBS

[charnwood.gov.uk/working\\_with\\_us](https://charnwood.gov.uk/working_with_us)

## TRAINEESHIPS

<https://www.gov.uk/find-a-traineeship>

## APPRENTICESHIPS

[apprenticeships.gov.uk/browse](https://apprenticeships.gov.uk/browse)

# VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES LOCALLY

## VOLUNTARY ACTION LEICESTERSHIRE

[valonline.org.uk](https://valonline.org.uk)

## JOHN STORER HOUSE

[johnstorercharnwood.org.uk](https://johnstorercharnwood.org.uk)

## PETER LE MARCHANT TRUST

[peterlemarchanttrust.co.uk](https://peterlemarchanttrust.co.uk)

# ADULT LEARNING AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

**GO LEARN**

[leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-learning-courses-golearn](https://leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-learning-courses-golearn)

**THE WEA**

[wea.org.uk/about-us/leicester-leicestershire-and-rutland](https://wea.org.uk/about-us/leicester-leicestershire-and-rutland)

**CT SKILLS**

<https://www.ctskills.co.uk/free-online-courses/>

## FUNCTIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

**NUMERACY**

[leicestershire.gov.uk/multiply-numeracy-skills](https://leicestershire.gov.uk/multiply-numeracy-skills)

**LITERACY**

[nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/english](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/english)

**DIGITAL**

[nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/essential-digital-skills](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/essential-digital-skills)

**SKILLS TOOLKIT**

[nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/the-skills-toolkit](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/the-skills-toolkit)

**BOOTCAMPS**

[gov.uk/guidance/find-a-skills-bootcamp](https://gov.uk/guidance/find-a-skills-bootcamp)

## WELLBEING INITIATIVES AND CRISIS SUPPORT

**CITIZENS ADVICE**

[charnwoodcab.org.uk/loughborough](https://charnwoodcab.org.uk/loughborough)

**FEARON HALL**

[fearonhall.org.uk/services/](https://fearonhall.org.uk/services/)

**WELLBEING**

[thewellbeingcafe.org/weekly-activities](https://thewellbeingcafe.org/weekly-activities)



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