

**Goodbye
&
Good Luck**

From the WiLL project!



**Your guide to other support
services that are available
in Oadby and Wigston.**

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.

THE NEWS



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.



HELPING HANDS ADVICE

The Helping Hands Community Trust have been assisting the people of Wigston, Oadby and South Leicestershire, for over 25 years, with impartial and practical advice. Their guidance is free and independent.

They strive to resolve issues relating to anything from employment, education and training to benefits, welfare rights, money management, housing issues, advocacy, legal advice, family law and mental health support, through a personal face-to-face service.

Helping Hands run sessions at their South Wigston office (Blaby Road) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10am -1pm. They are also at Wigston URC on Thursdays (10am to 3pm) and Trinity Methodist Church, in Oadby, on Tuesdays (10am-3pm). Find them online at helpinghandsadvice.co.uk.

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EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT AND CAREERS ADVICE

NEAREST JOB CENTRE

2 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 3JD.

NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

CAREERS ADVICE

leicestershire.gov.uk/work-and-skills

JOB CLUBS, LOCAL JOBS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

EMPLOYMENT HUB

Wigston Library, Wednesdays, 10am-12pm.

LOCAL JOB SEARCH

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

APPRENTICESHIPS

nwslc.ac.uk/courses/apprenticeships/

TRAINEESHIPS

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

APPRENTICESHIPS

apprenticeships.gov.uk/browse

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES LOCALLY

VOLUNTARY ACTION SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE

vasl.org.uk

COMMUNITY ACTION

communityactionpartnership.org.uk

LOROS HOSPICE

loros.co.uk/vacancies/volunteer

ADULT LEARNING AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

GO LEARN

leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-learning-courses-golearn

THE WEA

wea.org.uk/about-us/leicester-leicestershire-and-rutland

SKILLS HUB

nwslc.ac.uk/courses/adult-and-community/

FUNCTIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

NUMERACY

leicestershire.gov.uk/multiply-numeracy-skills

LITERACY

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/english

DIGITAL

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/essential-digital-skills

SKILLS TOOLKIT

nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/the-skills-toolkit

BOOTCAMPS

gov.uk/guidance/find-a-skills-bootcamp

WELLBEING INITIATIVES AND CRISIS SUPPORT

CITIZENS ADVICE

citizensadviceleicestershire.org/get-advice

LOCAL CRISIS CAFE

llrpcl.co.uk/oadby-wigston-crisis-cafe

WATERWAYS

activeoadbywigston.org.uk/waterways-wellbeing



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