

What the **WIRE & UP** projects can currently offer:



Employability:

We deliver online employability support which includes:

- CV building
- Access to Job Vacancies
- CV reviews & feedback from business members
- Career talks
- Online mock interviews
- Job applications



Disclosure Support:

We have recently created a 'disclosure guide' and resource pack to help people better understand how to disclose their cautions and convictions.

Many participants on both the WIRE and UP projects have said they lack confidence when disclosing to employers, and are not entirely clear on how much they need to share about their previous convictions.



Disclosure & Barring Service



Mental Health Support:

We encourage our participants to let us know if they require any mental health intervention. We have access to organisations and mental health services that we frequently refer onto.



Knife Crime & knowing your rights about Stop & Search:

In July & August we will be delivering a workshop on Knife Crime to help educate participants about the laws on carrying a knife, and also reflecting on the devastating impact it can have on everyone involved.

#LivesNotKnives



We will also be delivering a Stop and Search workshop which will help participants to understand their legal rights, should they ever be stopped and searched.

Work Placements:

We work with local businesses and try to match them with our participants for a 2 week unpaid work placement. This can be valuable to our service users, as they receive a reference, recent experience to add to their CV's, and in some cases a job offer.



Please note that due to the impact of Covid-19, we have been limited with number of work placements we can offer.

We will continue to work hard and source work placements for participant's, and we hope to be able to offer more work opportunities as lockdown restrictions ease.

Community based Work Experience



As we are limited with the number of work placements we can offer at minute, we have been in talks with our Community Development Team.

We are in the early process of potentially setting up a community based work experience programme, as an alternative for a work placement. We aim to have community based work placements up and running by August.

This would involve participants working in a small group to renovate/revamp areas of the community. For example, painting a local youth club, or tidying up a garden area for a local charity etc.

Domestic Abuse:

Domestic Abuse has risen in the UK since the pandemic with calls to abuse helplines rising by 49% and killings doubling just weeks after the lockdown. The UP-Project has been working with both victims and perpetrators throughout this difficult time. Multi agency work has been key to supporting our participants and organisations such as UAVA, NDND & The Jenkins Centre have been brilliant support. We hope to expand on our Domestic Abuse work in the coming months.

Housing

The UP project will continue to support with housing and signposting to relevant agencies.

Training

We are still able to support with training costs, such as CSCS training, Forklift Licences, and other forms of training that will help our participants become more employable.

We can't guarantee to support everyone with training costs, as we have a limited budget, however we do try and support with funding where we are able to.

Only after a participant completes their work placement, would we then look to fund training costs.

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