

Return to Work Credit

Return to work credit is a tax free payment of £40 per week for 52 weeks if you work 16 hours a week or more, ask your advisor if you are eligible. Also the Jobcentre Plus team can do a back to work calculation for you. Talk to your Jobcentre Advisor for more details.

Access to Work

You may be eligible for access to work if you are in paid employment, about to start a job, starting a work trial, self-employed or if your disability prevents you from being able to carry out all aspects of your job. Talk to your Jobcentre Advisor for more information.

Benefits for the Employers

The benefits for the employers are that they will have a dedicated and reliable employee, who will be supported through the project. The support workers will be in regular contact with both parties throughout.

You can find us at:

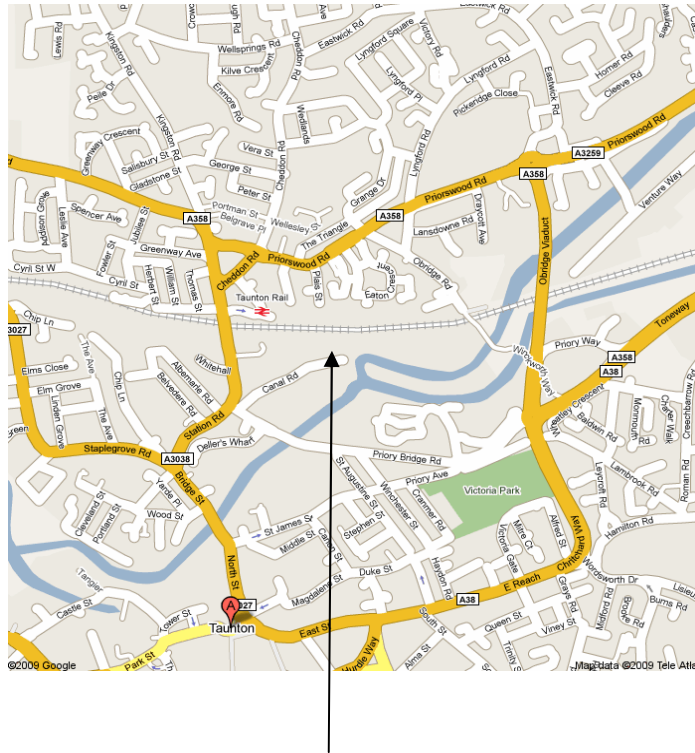
The Market Building

Canal Road

Taunton

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Please note that all projects require calling ahead for an appointment.



For better
mental health



Employment Support

Mind in Taunton & West Somerset is committed to providing high quality services. We participate in the Quality Management in Mind scheme.

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**Mind TWS patron - Laura Gallagher
(World Class Trampoline Gymnast)**

What is Employment Support?

Employment Support is about assisting individuals to gain the employment they require and also the support continues whilst in employment. Our Employment Support worker will help with the job search, as well as contacting employers, arranging interviews and supporting our customers in the interview if required. Support workers will also make regular visits to the employer and customer to make sure everything is running smoothly.

Why does it exist?

People experiencing mental distress often encounter difficulties trying to find employment. Employment can bring structure to people's lives, which also helps raise their confidence, self-esteem, self-awareness and motivation. This in turn promotes a healthier lifestyle and improves different aspects of a person's life, leading to an overall increase in well-being.

Who is it for?

Employment support is for people who are experiencing mental distress and are not currently in secondary services (i.e. *not in contact with a Community Psychiatric Nurse, care coordinator etc.*) who feel that their issues are causing a barrier to finding work. The services are for people who wish to go straight into work and sustain long term employment. The Individual must be referred to the Employment Support Project by the Jobcentre Plus.

Everyone being referred to the project will receive as much support as they require. There will be no time limit to this support (for as long as the project is running).

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more please contact Kerry Taylor and I can arrange a meeting. Contact details are on the back.

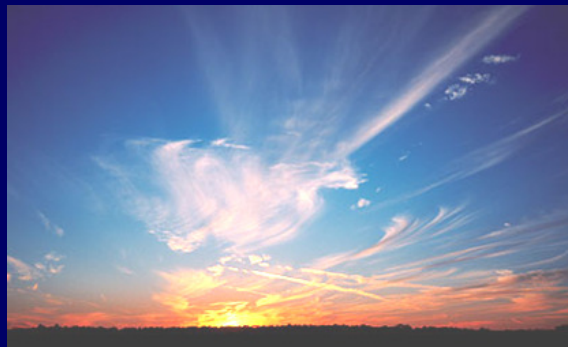
What to expect...

- ✓ A supportive environment.
- ✓ Support for the employer and customers.
- ✓ Regular contact with employer and customers.
- ✓ One to one meetings for employers and customers.
- ✓ Three way meetings if required with employer and customer.
- ✓ Help with access to work for customers.
- ✓ Help with benefit advice through Jobcentre Plus.
- ✓ Advice for employers.
- ✓ Advice for customers on back to work benefits.

Please ask if you would like this information in another language, or other format such as large print, CD or braille.

FACT

Mental distress is very common and can affect anyone.



“1 in 4 people, like me, have a mental health problem. Many more have a problem with that.”

_ Stephen Fry, president of Mind