

WORK.LIVE.
LEICESTERSHIRE

**Tackling
unemployment
in rural
Leicestershire**



What is WiLL?



The Work.Live.Leicestershire (WiLL) programme will help people who are economically inactive or unemployed who are living in rural Leicestershire to move into job search, training, or employment.

WiLL has received £2.4m of funding from the Big Lottery Fund and European Social Fund through the Building Better Opportunities initiative. The programme will run for 18 months from January 2019 - June 2020.

Providing access to holistic, tailored support, WiLL aims to facilitate 271 economically inactive and 270 unemployed rural residents. This will include 270 women and 271 men, 110 people with disabilities, including mental health needs, 30 carers, and 69 people aged 51 and over.

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WiLL programme is a partnership of eight organisations:

- **Vista**
- **CASE**
- **De Montfort University**
- **Leicestershire County Council**
- **Prince's Trust**
- **Rural Community Council**
- **Voluntary Action LeicesterShire**
- **Workers' Educational Association**



What WiLL we do?

WiLL provides services that you access to work, tackles barriers and signposts as needed.

We can help you get into work through providing:

- Information, advice and guidance.
- Group support to build confidence, social skills and workplace skills.
- A range of learning courses, including basic and digital skills, soft skills and understanding of diversity, workplace skills, job search and interview skills, and introductions to working in different sectors.
- Work clubs to support job search and gain confidence, computer, and job search skills.
- Support to identify and access local volunteering opportunities and supporting people to volunteer.
- Support to help you start your own business.

We can help tackle the barriers you experience by providing:

- Travel advice and information schemes.
- Childcare to ensure everyone who wishes to participate in the programme can regardless of parental responsibilities.
- Direct support and/or referrals to manage barriers to work such as benefits and finances, housing, domestic violence, health, or substance misuse.

Who are we?



Vista

Are programme leaders and provide keyworker support.

CASE

Provide self-employment and business support to help people start their own businesses.

Rural Community Council

Provide outreach to engage communities across rural Leicestershire.

Leicestershire County Council

Provide work clubs in libraries. They are also a strategic partner.

Prince's Trust / Talent Match

Deliver their talent match project supporting people into employment through their employer network.

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire

Provide volunteer support and opportunities for people to gain experience and confidence.

WEA (Workers' Educational Assoc.)

Deliver their Pathways project to improve people's soft and job-related skills for employability.

De Montfort University

Community-based research and evaluation of the programme to find out what works best.