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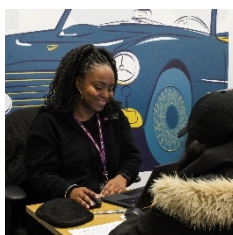
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Years of Walsall Works



Walsall Works is an award-winning programme and we're celebrating 13 years of delivery. This milestone was marked at our bi-annual Expo event, and we're proud to say it is now the largest jobs fair in the region.



The programme is the Council's response to tackling economic inequality, delivered through a front-line Skills and Employability Service. The programme aims to stimulate economic growth and prosperity for working age residents in our borough and you will find us in your local communities within libraries, jobcentres, community venues and family hubs.



It offers professional and personalised support to help people secure employment, apprenticeships, work placements, education, training and other wellbeing outcomes.



We also work closely with stakeholders to agree solutions to removing barriers for residents finding work. We have established a robust working relationship with employers in the borough and are keen to engage with anyone who can support our ambition of creating economic growth for all.



Over 17,800
registrations



3673 employment
outcomes



2590 education &
training outcomes



1117 apprenticeship
outcomes



Good News Stories

Kevin Baker: Journey to Becoming an FLT Instructor with Forward Step



Kevin joined the Walsall Works programme in October 2024 after being made redundant from JCB, following 37 years at Wienerberger UK. With a strong background in forklift operations and quality control—but only an in-house licence—our first step was to support him in gaining a formal FLT qualification to improve his employability.

We helped update his CV to reflect his extensive experience and coached him through application and interview techniques. Kevin completed his FLT training with Forward Step in Walsall, successfully passing in December 2024. His performance stood out, and he was approached about the opportunity to train as an instructor.

With funding support from Walsall Works, Kevin enrolled on the instructor training course at RS Training in Birmingham in January 2025. Upon completion, he began working as an FLT Instructor at Forward Step on 17 February 2025.

Kevin's decades of hands-on experience bring exceptional value to his training sessions, and he sets a high standard for those entering the industry.

Perseverance Pays Off: SB Secures Full-Time Employment with Support from Walsall Works

When SB joined the Restart programme with Walsall Council, she was actively job hunting but struggling to secure a role despite attending multiple interviews. With dedicated one-to-one support from her Advisor, Eunice, they refined her applications, prepared for interviews, and identified suitable opportunities together.

After months of persistence, SB applied for an Advisor role that matched her skills. Although uncertain about the outcome, she remained hopeful—and later that day, she received the job offer. She is now working full-time, supporting others on their employment journeys.

SB's story highlights the impact of resilience and tailored guidance. We're proud of her success and wish her continued growth in her new role!



Group Information Sessions

Walsall Works hosts Group Information Sessions at Lichfield Street Hub Library in Walsall Town Centre. These sessions are a great opportunity for participants to connect with employers currently hiring, as well as to explore new career paths.

We cover a wide range of industries, including Care, Warehousing, Corporate, and many more.

If you're interested in attending, please get in touch via our social media platforms, call us on **01922 654353**, or email **walsallworks@walsall.gov.uk**.



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Walsall Work invited West Midlands Metro to Lichfield Library, it was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the many benefits of becoming a tram driver.

Clients wanting to pursue a career in Care were invited to this GIS, where CCH gave their support and offered career opportunities.



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Walsall Works had the privilege of partnering with Realise Training Group to promote the in-value role of apprenticeships in shaping successful careers.

LGC Awards

Walsall Works, the Council's Employability Service, has been shortlisted for the prestigious 2025 Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Award in the Economic Development category. This @LGC recognition highlights the team's dedication to supporting residents in accessing employment, training, and apprenticeship opportunities while working closely with businesses to stimulate economic growth across the borough. Walsall Works will be attending the awards on 11th June!



Hello from our NEW Advisors



Big welcome to Sharan and Jo, our incredible new advisors!

We asked our new advisors to tell us a bit more about themselves.

Joanne – I can honestly say I love supporting people to get where they deserve to be regardless of barrier. I like to think of different ways to support people and thoroughly enjoy watching a participant blossom. I also keep abreast of support available for individuals struggling with mental health.

I truly look forward to my next chapter in supporting individuals and changing lives!

Sharan – My background is in policing; I spent 14 years in the Police before deciding it was time for a new challenge. Making the transition wasn't easy, and like many of the people we support, I found myself wondering what was next. That's how I came across Walsall Works, as a client looking for guidance and a fresh start.

The help and encouragement I received really stuck with me, and when I saw the opportunity to join the team, I jumped at the chance. I know what it's like to feel a bit lost after leaving a long-term career, so I'm passionate about helping others find their feet again.

Outside of work, I'm pretty active, I love running and regularly take part in 10k races and half marathons. I also enjoy going to the gym and hiking whenever I get the chance. I'm looking forward to learning more in this role and supporting people on their journeys, just like I was supported on mine.

EXPO & Apprenticeship Show



On Thursday 13 March 2025, the Walsall Works Expo celebrated its 10th year with another successful job fair.

Held at Walsall College's The Hub, the event saw over 1000 local job seekers engage with 76 employers and training providers. The Walsall Works Expo is one of the largest job fairs in the West Midlands.

Councillor Pardeep Kaur, Portfolio Holder for Education and Skills at Walsall Council, said: "I was honoured to open the Expo on its 10th anniversary and to see such a fantastic turnout. The Expo events are exactly what's needed to connect local people with opportunities in both work and education and every year the events just get bigger and better."

"This Expo saw over 1000 people engaging with over 70 local employers and training providers and I'm sure that people who attended will have really benefitted from the event. A big well done to everyone involved."

Walsall Works has been delivering vital employment support to the people of Walsall for over 13 years, having been set up in 2012 to support local people to get back into work.

One of the exhibitors that attended the event to share opportunities on behalf of their business, said: "We had a great time connecting with so many people, meeting potential candidates, and engaging with businesses within our community. It was a brilliant opportunity, and we truly appreciate all the effort that went into organising it."

This year also saw the first Walsall Works Apprenticeship Show which began after the Expo closed.

Twenty businesses and providers offering apprenticeship opportunities in construction, engineering, logistics, care, IT & technology and much more, stayed on after the Expo to provide information and advice to more than 200 people, made up of Walsall students from nearby schools and Walsall college, young people from outside the borough and parents.

Beechdale Job Fair



BEECHDALE JOB FAIR

**Step into a world of possibilities
at the Beechdale job fair!**

Connect with potential employers,
explore exciting career opportunities,
and gain invaluable skills from top
training providers.

Your future starts here!

DATE

Wednesday 2 July



TIME

9:00am - 12:30pm



Frank F Harrison Community
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This is a free event, no need to book!

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