

Introducing Work Routes, a programme designed to support residents of Cannock Chase District to get in to work.

Emailed to Mrs Heath for the attention of parents.

I have been advised to email you and wish to introduce **Work Routes**, a programme which is designed to support residents of Cannock Chase District to get in to work. We believe that this service could be of interest and benefit to some of the families or your pupils and would value the opportunity to talk to you.

APM works with and on behalf of a number of commissioning bodies including the DWP and European Social Fund and as you will see from our website we work in a number of other human service sectors

On the Work Routes programme, attendance is **voluntary** and **free of charge** and we can support people who have been unemployed **or** economically inactive for 6 months or more, this includes programme members who have been unemployed for some time and members who are not in receipt of any benefits. Programme members can access support for up to 52 weeks.

We are working with people from a wide variety of backgrounds with a wide variety of needs, including lone parents, people with learning difficulties, those with health problems, low or no qualifications and/or work experience, with a focus on preparing them to get in to work. This includes one to one support from Employment Coaches and access to qualifications (English, Maths, IT and Employability) on site here. More than one of our programme members has received three job offers in the last week!

APM will support the member with travel costs to our location and provides a safe, inclusive environment to support increased confidence and the support required to access and apply for employment opportunities.

Referral to the programme is easy. Individuals can call us 01543 230030 (ask for Alison or Maryann) or pop in. If you prefer, you or your team can call to arrange an

Appointment. We would also value the opportunity to attend any group sessions you may have to discuss what we can offer.

I would be grateful of your feedback and of course please feel free to distribute this information as you feel appropriate.

Finally, if you have any questions please call our team directly.

Kind regards

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