

Upcoming events:

- Management Committee Meeting on 30th Nov 11
- CV Workshops
14th November 11
5th December 11

We had a very successful Volunteer Recruitment Fair on 8th Sept 11!

6 potential new volunteer details were collected.

Awareness of WJSC was improved and a potential volunteer to help us with publicity was recruited.

A big thank you to all the WJSC staff who helped with preparation & manning of the stall on the day!

We are sorry to announce the closure of our Woodley office at the end of September. This is due to a decline in the number of jobseekers using the service. However we will continue to offer comprehensive facilities to Woodley residents at our Wokingham office.

Welcome to the first issue of the WJSC Newsletter!

What Do We Do?

WJSC is an independent local charity providing a FREE and CONFIDENTIAL support service to unemployed job seekers aged 19 and over who live in the Wokingham and Bracknell Forest Borough Council areas. Facilities on offer include one-to-one careers advice and job search support, use of computers and printers, internet access, newspapers and stationery.

September figures:

53 new clients
255 visits to the centre

Feedback from clients who have found employment:

“Please extend my thanks to everyone at WJSC for helping me find work. I was struggling to get anywhere on my own and felt really isolated, but once I had been put in touch with you, had my CV reviewed and my job search techniques improved, I quickly started getting results, and am now three weeks into a job I absolutely love.”

“I am just writing to say thank you for the brilliant CV Workshop that I attended recently.....After attending the workshop I started from scratch and produced a new CV which was then checked by one of your advisers. I sent it out in response to three job vacancies and was invited to interview for ALL THREE!! I now have a new full time

WJSC Diary

The staff training day on 19th October went ahead with a fantastic talk from our guest speaker Dominic Carey, an Employer & Partnership Manager for JobCentre-Plus. We gained an insight into the process a jobseeker has to progress through when claiming benefit.

CV Workshops—these are held on a monthly basis and gives a comprehensive introduction to the CV writing process; covering transferable skills and cv layout. Attendance is by appointment only—please phone WJSC to book a place.

At The Centre

Dave Morton, Advisor, shows a new client how to access Adult Directions. This is an online question and answer programme that analyses clients' responses and gives a recommended list of suitable careers with full details of jobs from A to Z.



We are working with more partners than ever before...

We have recently arranged with Optalis to refer special needs clients to them who require additional support and specialist help in looking for work. Jobcentre Plus have also given us the status of Work Club so that our role is more defined. This will hopefully aid us in our constant quest to find more funding for the centre.