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It's about the people - when I come here I know you all and I trust what you say and it makes trying something new ok.

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Landau is leading a partnership of 20 organisations delivering **Building Better Opportunities** provision in The Marches LEP area. BBO Shropshire has been supporting the hardest to reach since 2017.

The Building Better Opportunities programme is jointly funded by the European Social Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund to tackle the root causes of poverty, promote social inclusion, and drive local jobs and growth. The programme is delivered in 38 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas according to local priorities (see: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/esf).

The project helps those furthest away from employment gain the skills and experience they need to get into work. BBO Shropshire will work with people 19+ years across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin who are experiencing multiple barriers, resulting in social exclusion. The project will help participants gain skills and develop

confidence through intensive personalised support to equip them with the abilities needed to move towards and into employment. It will also provide access to a wide and diverse range of volunteering opportunities, enabling more disadvantaged people to move into further education or training having acquired basic skills, increased confidence and motivation through participation in project activities.

Participants can self-refer or be referred, by contacting Landau's BBO Shropshire team:

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Or by contacting the individual partners using the details provided on their prospectus page.

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Activity Categories



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Core Skills

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Finances / Budgeting



Social Skills

- Confidence
- Communication
- Interaction



Work Skills

- Volunteering
- Vocational Skills



Find Me a Job

- Job Shops (*CVs, Interview Skills*)
- Tasters
- Work Placements
- Supported Employment

A4U



A4U's BBO project will work with adults on the autism spectrum. The aim of our work is to support participants to overcome the barriers preventing them from becoming more confident, active members of their community with particular emphasis on the specific needs of those faced with the challenges of being on the spectrum.

The intention of the project is to take a small steps approach to support participants in gaining in confidence and life skills. The project will undertake a person centred planning process with each participant to facilitate them identifying the barriers they face in moving forward towards greater independence and creating a plan to address how they will overcome those barriers.

The project will focus on those who are not immediately job ready and also on those who may not currently be able to access conventional training in larger group settings.

The project will provide small group courses

dependent on identified participant need. Examples of areas covered are Independent living skills, Money and budgeting, Cookery and pre-employment skills however we work with individuals to determine what their most appropriate entry and development requirements are.

These groups will provide a positive environment where small steps are recognised and we can overturn some of the past negative experiences in accessing education, volunteering or work.

The project will provide 1-1 support for participants to practise skills learnt in small groups in an autism friendly setting, in their own home or in the community. The project will also offer in-house work experience placements providing hands on training in a working kitchen/café and office based opportunities.

There will additionally be the opportunity to have support to try a new activity in the community whether that be attending a course at a different venue, or trying a new physical activity for the first time.

The project will be based within Shropshire Autism Hub, a service providing advice and advocacy within a social setting for adults on the autism spectrum. The aims of the Hub are:

- To help with coping strategies
- Improve confidence

- Learn to socialise in a safe environment
- To promote independent living
- To support self-management.

As part of the Hub the project has the opportunity to access services which include support from our advice and advocacy service and then add value through the provision of 1-1 and group work led by the needs of participants.

The majority of the Autism Hub members are economically inactive and would like to move towards greater independence but currently the barriers are too significant and complex for them to access non autism specific services.

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Crowsmill Craft Centre CIC



Crowsmill Craft Centre CIC is a small community led, not for profit organisation which works with people who are at the margins of society. This includes adults with mental health issues, physical and learning difficulties.

Dissaffected young people with challenging behaviours, who have previously disengaged with their educational programme also attend Crowsmill and gain valuable and positive experiences, which helps them to rebuild trust in themselves and gain confidence in their ability to complete a task and engage appropriately with others.

All who attend have the opportunity to engage in practical skills, such as plastering, woodwork, iron forge work, animal welfare, gardening and horticulture whilst also developing crucial social interactive skills. The opportunity to engage in the sport of archery at a newly developed range set in the Shropshire countryside is also available, together with the chance to make a long bow in woodwork lessons.

Adults and young people are encouraged and supported by trained staff who have an understanding of the specific needs required for individuals to achieve. Therefore, differentiation for all who attend is crucial to ensure educational, social and personal progress can occur.

Each person who attends Crowsmill Craft Centre is valued for the individual characteristics that they bring. Within a safe and secure environment, all are able to work to reach their full potential and enjoy their experience at Crowsmill. The aim of our work is to support and empower all who attend to overcome any negative feelings and emotions. The intention is to build confidence and self-esteem, develop practical skills, enhance social interactions and tolerance of others. It is also important that individuals enjoy the process and the experience is beneficial for them in their everyday lives.

The Landau / Building Better Opportunities (BBO) project, which is jointly funded by the European Social Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund, will be running a series of 12 week courses (3 days a week). Numbers will be limited to six per group, to enable individuals to reach their full potential across the different areas of learning.

The project is ideally suited to a multitude of needs, helping people with anxiety, depression, social isolation, work skills, social skills whilst learning vocational skills.



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Homes Plus



Formerly known as Severnside Housing, Homes Plus is one of Shropshire's largest social landlords owning more than 5500 properties in Shrewsbury and the surrounding areas.

Homes Plus works with both tenants and non tenants who face individual barriers by providing practical support and help to improve health and wellbeing to find suitable employment

We offer a bespoke service tailoring our support to your needs. We provide help with getting online, email set up, help with UC , CV writing, interview techniques and support with applying for jobs online. We also have access to a variety of courses which will improve confidence, develop skills and gain useful qualifications to improve opportunities.

We will work with you to identify the barriers you face in returning to work and signpost you to the support you need to overcome these barriers.



We meet clients locally at our Community Hub in Meole Brace (formerly known as a Digital Den). We also offer home visits to those unable to come into Shrewsbury.

We cover Shrewsbury and all surrounding areas and are able to support clients with appropriate travel costs.

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Hope Initiatives



Hope Initiatives exists to equip people for sustainable employment. The focus is to provide accredited qualifications, life skills, coaching and work experience.

The Grease Monkeys Plus Programme supports the unemployed with a focus on mentoring and soft-skills through car mechanics. The vocational skills developed include mechanical, warehouse, quality control, online sales and customer care. All our work is aimed at progressing individuals towards employment, training and volunteering outcomes.

The Grease Monkeys Plus Programme uses WorkSteps, this is a workbook coaching programme that uses activities to help develop the skills needed to find employment. These skills include writing a CV, interview techniques, searching for jobs as well as starting your own business. There are also activities that give the tools to deal with some of the barriers to employment or moving forward. These include knowing your



skills and talents, having a growth mindset and goal setting.

For those who only want help with job searching or overcoming some of the barriers to moving forward then we offer a weekly hour session to go through our WorkSteps programme.

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Hope Initiatives

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Landau



Landau has over 25 years' experience helping people to overcome barriers preventing them from gaining skills and employment.

Landau's BBO provision will support participants to improve their confidence, undertake training, seek work experience and gain skills.

Founded on IPS Principles (Individual Placement and Support), individuals will be allocated an Employment Officer to support him/her to access Job Clubs, Community Projects and to gain Life Skills at a pace appropriate to the participant.

Participants will receive a unique model of support so that the most appropriate services are accessed by them.

Accredited and non accredited training is available as appropriate, including employability skills, confidence, money management, first aid, health and safety, manual handling, food hygiene and basic skills.



"I feel like a different woman. A weight has been lifted off my shoulders."

- Rose, participant.

Landau BBO will arrange relevant work experience, as well as providing job preparation and job searching skills and assist participants into employment.

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QUBE Volunteer Centre – Oswestry



QUBE Volunteer Centre is providing supported volunteering opportunities for BBO participants.

Volunteering has been proven to be beneficial to individuals to develop skills, gain confidence, give a sense of purpose and experience work in a supportive environment.

QUBE Volunteer Centre has a large database of available volunteering opportunities- examples of which include administration, caring for the environment, driving, fundraising, retail, supportive care and much more in supporting the local community.

A bespoke service is provided by the Volunteering Officers to support prospective volunteers. Their interests and skills are identified to match their needs with a suitable volunteering opportunity.

The Officers then make the introductions



to the organisation for the person to start volunteering. Participants can be accompanied initially if needed. Support is provided until each feels sufficiently confident.

QUBE Volunteering Officers remain in contact with the volunteer should they need more support, if issues arise or if the placement doesn't work out, to find other opportunities for them.

Opportunities to source training courses and CV planning is also provided to support job searching to increase prospects for employment.

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Small Woods Association



The 'Build-a-Bench' project is a greenwood craft course based at our lovely site in Coalbrookdale.

The course is open to anyone over 19 who is unemployed and looking to improve well-being, build confidence, meet new people and learn new skills. We aim to provide a welcoming and tranquil setting where participants are taught green woodwork skills and supported to explore the next steps into training, volunteering or employment. No previous experience is required and all tools and materials are provided.

The course is for one day a week for 12 weeks. Participants begin by making a spatula, then make a stool and for the final 6 weeks make a beautiful unique bench as a group which is donated to a good cause of their choice. Previous benches have been donated to hospices, charities such as Help for Heroes and TACT, schools and wildlife centres all across Shropshire. In the past



participants have gone on to volunteer with outdoor charities, start training or some have moved into work.

"I feel like my confidence is back and the course kick started me into action, sorting myself out and helping me to pursue what I wanted."

- LM course participant

"It has been such a positive uplifting experience, I'm so glad I participated in the project and if it was available again in the future I would definitely do it again. Thank You Small Woods!"

- DM course participant.

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Small Woods Association

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Telford and Wrekin Council for Voluntary Service (T&WCVS)



Telford & Wrekin Council for Voluntary Services has a dedicated team promoting volunteering opportunities in Telford & Wrekin.

There are many benefits to volunteering, including building confidence and self-esteem, gaining valuable skills and experience for work, making a difference in the world and feeling you are valued and part of a team. In one study volunteers were 37% more likely to gain employment and there are even proven health benefits to volunteering.

Volunteering can offer a very wide range of opportunities from working with people of all ages, sport, admin work and caring for the environment and animals, to working in the arts, fundraising and supporting your local community. It is a chance to try new things, meet new people, and find out what you are really good at.

Our project is available to anyone over 19 interested in volunteering and who has been out of work for some time. We will work with you to find a volunteering role, and then offer ongoing support through mentoring and peer support and help make sure your placement is successful. There is also potential support to cover your volunteering expenses like travel and childcare for an agreed period of time.

We offer additional assistance for people with disabilities and unpaid family carers to volunteer. As well as accessing information about advertised volunteering opportunities, our project works closely with businesses, organisations and charities to provide appropriate volunteer opportunities, supporting you by meeting your needs and help you to achieve.

We will also signpost you to other sources of support and opportunities within the BBO project and beyond, to help with job searching and confidence building. Volunteering can help you make a big impact when it comes to looking for employment, and the BBO project will help you maximise your strengths.

This service is available across the local authority area of Telford and Wrekin.



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Wem Into Work



Based at Wem Town Hall, Wem into Work provides bespoke one to one support to job seekers to provide them with the skills and help they need to get back into employment.

Working with the participants, the key worker looks into addressing the barriers to finding employment that the participants are experiencing. Most often support needed consists of help with CV development, job hunting support, confidence building, interview skills practice & techniques, and general & bespoke training.

Wem into Work also provides access to the internet with a quiet space to work once a week to provide individuals with the tools to job hunt independently.

This provision covers Wem Town, Wem Rural and Ellesmere.



"I am so grateful for the support and assistance I have received since being part of this project. It has given me focus and direction whilst building my confidence and self-esteem; opening up avenues I would never have considered before. It is the best decision I have made to make inroads on my journey to finding the right career path for me. Based on my experience, I would recommend becoming part of this project to others who need support and guidance, it's a great project to be a part of."

- LPK, participant.

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Wem Into Work

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Wrekin Housing Group



The Wrekin Housing Group is a community benefit society that provides housing and care services across Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin

As a socially minded organisation we work across communities to make a difference to people's lives. We seek to improve the employability prospects of local residents by helping them to develop the skills, confidence and ambition to move back into work.

We do this through:

- Personalised assessment to ensure that the support meets the individual goals and aspiration of each participant.
- Support to acquire skills and knowledge through learning and training opportunities including literacy, numeracy and digital skills.



- Advice and coaching on aspects of employment including job searching, applications, CV writing, and interview skills.

We can also offer access to opportunities* across the Wrekin Housing Group for further training, apprenticeships, work placement and volunteer opportunities, including:

- Work placement opportunities across a variety of work areas.
- Landscaping, grounds maintenance and cleaning experience at our properties in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and Staffordshire.
- Retail, workshop, warehouse, house moves, clearances and driving opportunities at Reviive, our furniture re-use scheme in Shrewsbury.
- Van Drivers and van assistants, furniture restoration and warehouse duties at our furniture repair workshop in Ludlow

*Opportunities can vary and may be limited due to availability and business demands.

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The Wrekin Housing Group

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Housing Group

Yellow Ribbon Community Chaplaincy



Yellow Ribbon BBO project offers a holistic approach to supporting complex individuals into employment, training and community engagement.

Yellow Ribbon Community Chaplaincy provides support for people on release from prison and people who present with complex needs in Shropshire and the West Midlands through mentoring, guidance and practical help. Yellow Ribbon works with people seeking change in their lives so that they do not return to prison or destructive patterns of behaviour. Our priority help areas are:

- **Somewhere** safe and secure to live
- **Something** purposeful to do
- **Someone** to support them

Yellow Ribbon BBO project also run Employability workshops from our training facility in Riverside, Shrewsbury on Mondays and



Tuesdays. These workshops focus upon barriers to progression into job searching, employment, training and community engagement.

The workshops comprise of soft skills and practical skills workshops. focussing on goals, hope, dealing with emotions, self-esteem, and body language as well as interview skills, CV building, and budgeting. The practical skills workshops help to provide a focus to demonstrate the values and attitudes sought by employers whilst building confidence and self-esteem and learning new skills.

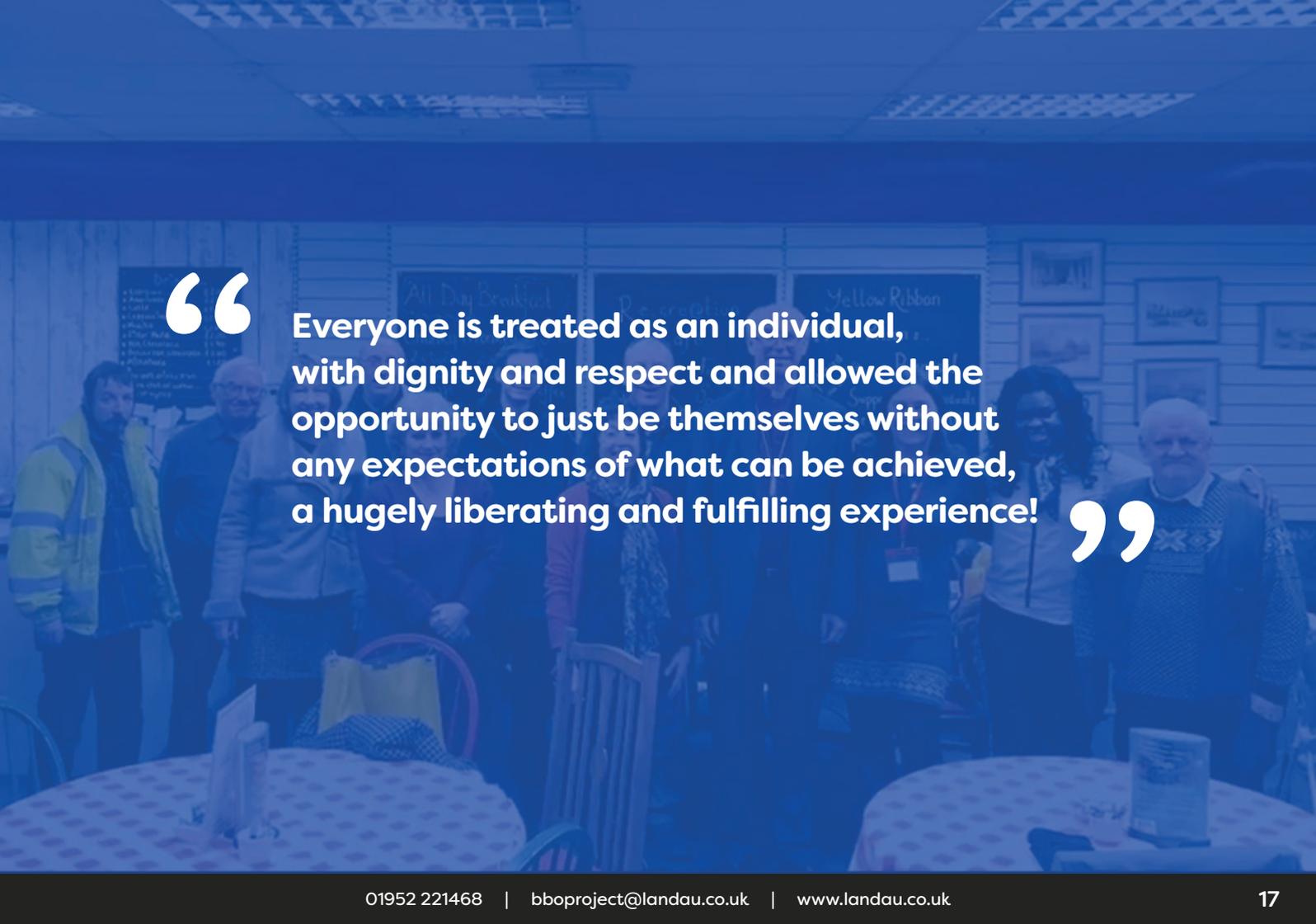
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**Everyone is treated as an individual,
with dignity and respect and allowed the
opportunity to just be themselves without
any expectations of what can be achieved,
a hugely liberating and fulfilling experience!**

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Based on my experience, I would recommend becoming part of this project to others who need support and guidance, it's a great project to be a part of.

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