

# JOBS 22 BULLETIN

**DECEMBER 2021**

## WELCOME TO OUR DECEMBER BULLETIN

As we approach the end of 2021, it's natural to reflect on how far we've come. We exit the year with strong performance and we're continuing to expand our catalogue of support to offer jobseekers and employers in the East Central Region, a service that makes a genuine difference. It's encouraging to hear such positive feedback directly from participants, with many saying the level of support they've received has exceeded all expectations. In 2022, we're aiming for continued strong performance, with a specific focus on delivering an exceptional participant journey, making sure that everyone who is referred to the Restart Scheme has the best chance of securing sustainable employment.

I was delighted to welcome Michael Oates, the Mayor of Tamworth to our office opening event last month. We were also pleased to host Jobs 22 co-owner Duncan Angus and Chair of Jobs 22 Board Michael Hobday, and show them first-hand the fantastic work our team are delivering in East Central.

So let me say Season's Greetings to you all, from all of us at Jobs 22.



Aaron Henricksen, Managing Director



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# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Success stories from the Restart Scheme

## RESTART SCHEME HELPS GRANTHAM'S LOCAL BUSKER BACK INTO WORK

Many people in Grantham know Craig as their local busker, well-known for performing outside Boots chemist, he is a friendly face and a likeable character in the local scene. But Craig's sunny disposition hides his recent struggles, his mental health challenges and his experiences of homelessness over the past few years. Find out how with a little help from Jobs 22's Grantham team, he's now enjoying working life.

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# RESTART SCHEME

## CV SUPPORT HELPS EXPERIENCED HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR SECURE SENIOR ROLE

When Rebecca Manson, an experienced hospitality director from Great Barford in Bedfordshire, lost her job due to the pandemic, she was in unfamiliar territory. She even had to sell her belongings to afford living costs. Rebecca said, "The pandemic hit the hospitality industry hard last year, and I was, unfortunately, no exception. It was a real shock to go from being gainfully employed in a secure job to being unexpectedly out of work. I felt like I had to start again in some ways, and luckily, Natalie, my employment coach at Jobs 22, was on hand to help."

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"If I hadn't made that first step and attended the first appointment with Howie at Jobs 22, I wouldn't have felt confident enough to return to work. I'm feeling more positive about the future now and I know if I have any questions or concerns I can speak with Howie or Nigel, I have people in my corner."

Craig Featherstone,  
Restart Scheme participant



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# OUR DELIVERY PARTNERS

A round-up of our partners' news and stories.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO B2B'S VEEJAY PATEL

Veejay Patel FIEP, Director at Business 2 Business, has won the Outstanding Contribution to the Sector award at the 2021 ERSA Awards.

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## TCHC OFFER NEW LEVEL 2 AWARD IN DIGITAL PROMOTION

If you are an SME based in Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire, Black Country, Worcestershire and Staffordshire & Stoke, TCHC can help you upskill your staff.

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## DONATE IT SCHEME FROM STOKE ON TRENT CITY COUNCIL

Stoke on Trent City Council are working in partnership with VAST Services (1920) and The Community Foundation for Staffordshire to provide digital equipment to vulnerable residents across the city. Find out where you can donate.

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## TWIN GROUP HOST SHOWCASE EVENT AT NEW LEICESTER OFFICES

Twin Group hosted a showcase event at their new Leicester city centre offices on Friday 26 November to celebrate their work with the ground-breaking new Restart Scheme. Baroness Verma attended as a guest of honour.

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[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR DELIVERY PARTNERS](#) 

# THE VOICE OF THE PARTICIPANT

Hear what our participants are saying about Jobs 22

RABIA WAS VERY ENCOURAGING AND HELPED ME A LOT WITH LOTS OF THINGS, NOT JUST LOOKING FOR WORK. SHE STAYED IN TOUCH, EVEN AFTER I GOT MY FIRST JOB, TO MAKE SURE I WAS SETTLING IN WELL. I CAN'T FAULT HER AT ALL. SHE DID A BRILLIANT JOB.



THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THE JOBS 22 TEAM HAVE GIVEN OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING ME BACK INTO EMPLOYMENT AFTER A LONG TIME OF BEING OUT OF WORK. THE ADVICE GIVEN TO ME BY MY WORK COACH HAS BEEN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN KEEPING ME MOTIVATED DURING WHAT HAS BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, MYSELF INCLUDED. I WOULD RECOMMEND JOBS 22 TO ANYONE WHO IS IN A SIMILAR SITUATION.



LOUISE HAS GIVEN ME CONFIDENCE TO DO WELL IN MY JOB AND I WAS EVEN ABLE TO HAVE MY FIRST MONTHS TRAVEL PAID FOR AND THEY PROVIDED ME WITH WORK BOOTS. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE HELP RECEIVED SO FAR AND I WILL RECOMMEND THEM TO ANYONE WHO ASKS. THANK YOU AGAIN



Hello Anna,

I was unemployed and finding a job seemed almost impossible to achieve.

You helped me by searching for vacancies on various social media platforms and websites, even when you'd clocked off for the day, going above and beyond for me.

You've been a real diamond and always listened to what I'm saying, giving me positive feedback and suggestions on how to move forwards and never backwards. 😊

I'm absolutely buzzing to be back in work, and Anna you had a major part to play in that.

You've also helped me with any queries that have come up since I've started my job, helping me to resolve them and being there when I needed another perspective. 😊

Thank you Anna for working with me to help me find employment, you've been brilliant and exactly what it says on the tin.

[MORE GOOD NEWS STORIES](#)

# SPOTLIGHT ON HEALTH

Our team of Health Coaches provide a vital service for those participants who face health challenges.

Our health services support individuals in their search for employment, giving them opportunities to make changes, set goals and access the services and help they need to lead healthier balanced lives. And increase their chances of being successful in a new role.

Find out how our diverse team of highly qualified and accredited Health Coaches support participants back into work.

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We meet with participants with a broad range of challenges and some with multiple barriers and difficult pasts. Our Health Coach, Linda Mather, delivered much-needed support, guidance and a referral to Assist Trauma care to help a participant get their life back on track and start their journey towards work.

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"We meet so many people who need extra help and support with their mental and physical health and for those with complex challenges, getting back to work is not a simple, or linear, journey. Our approach is backed by research that reveals health interventions are integral to work readiness. Through our work, we've seen that people with a broad range of health conditions have a much better chance of succeeding in work and life when they can access the right support."

Heidi Fish, Head of Health and Wellbeing at Jobs 22

# TAMWORTH OFFICE LAUNCH

On 30th November we hosted a grand opening at our Tamworth office in Ankerside Shopping Centre.

Jobs 22 co-owners Duncan Angus and Chris Wright of Catch22 along with the Chair of Jobs 22 Board Michael Hobday joined our MD Aaron Henricksen in attending the opening ceremony of the Jobs 22 Tamworth office.

We were also lucky enough to have Worshipful Mayor Councillor Michael Oates cut the ribbon and make us official. Representatives from Tamworth and Staffordshire councils also attended alongside organisations such as South Staffordshire College, the Prince's Trust, DWP, and the local Jobcentre Plus.

The job fair was well-attended by the local community and exhibitors included local and national businesses including DL Cleaning, UPS, Ocado from Siamo, Community Together, National Career Service, Business Connection, and Farley & Jones. One attendee has received a job offer as a result of attending the fair.

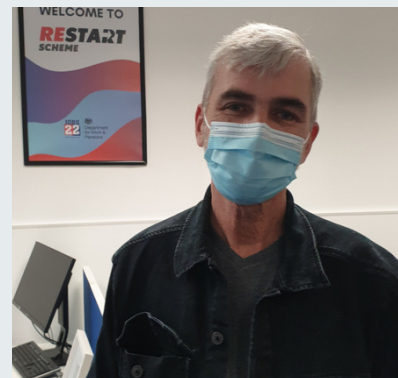
We were also joined by participant Andrew Greer who offered to say a few words as a thank you to the team at Jobs 22 Tamworth for all their help in securing not one, but two jobs! He's now thoroughly enjoying his role as a Covid Marshall. He said: "I'm very grateful to everyone at Jobs 22, they've been really supportive, even when the first job they found for me didn't work out. They helped me apply to be a Covid Marshall and I got the job. I like my team there, they're like extended family."



Mayor of Tamworth, Michael Oates cuts the ribbon to mark the occasion.



Michael Hobday, Chris Wright, Aaron Henricksen, Duncan Angus and Dan McCormack, pictured L-R.



Participant Andrew Greer.



UPS exhibiting at the Jobs Fair.

# OUR FOUNDERS' NEWS



## CATCH 22 AND NOMINET LAUNCH INSIGHT SERIES ON DIGITAL SKILLS AND ACCESS

Catch22 and Nominet have partnered with Bean Research to create a series of four insights papers to explore the barriers to digital skills and access for some of the most disadvantaged young people in the UK, and how this may impact those who are looking for employment.

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Angus Knight

## ANGUS KNIGHT GROUP FOUNDER DUNCAN ANGUS, AND GROUP CEO CAMERON JUDSON, FEATURED ON TICKER TV

Duncan and Cameron discuss the current shift in employment and the future of support for workforces and vulnerable and disadvantaged workers, and how AKG was founded.

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# JOBS 22 IN THE NEWS



## Restart scheme opening in town centre

A NEW Jobs 22 Restart Scheme premises is opening in Tamworth. Restart Scheme is part of the government's Plan for Jobs and is helping those who have been on Universal Credit for 12-18 months during the pandemic back into work. It provides 12 months of tailored and community-based support for people who are long-term unemployed.

Richard Maunders, business manager of Jobs 22 Tamworth, at the new site in Ankerside



from 10am to 2pm on Tuesday, November 30.

Employers confirmed so far include local firms like DL Cleaning Services and BNJ Consulting as well as national employers O2 and Marks & Spencer.

Richard Maunders, business manager of Jobs 22 Tamworth, said: "We're looking forward to welcoming local employers, council representatives and local

service providers to open our new home in the Ankerside Shopping Centre.

"If you're an employer looking to hire new people or you're looking for a job, please come and visit us and we can help you with the skills and support you need. There's a lot of unrealised talent in our local area and we're here to help build confidence and skills in those affected by the pandemic."

Participants will receive support and are finding employment

Community Together CIC, National Career Service, Business Connection and Farley & Jones. Representatives from Tamworth and Staffordshire councils were also there alongside organisations such as South Staffordshire College, the Prince's Trust, DWP and the local Job-centre Plus.

Speakers at the event were: Aaron Henriksen, MD of Jobs 22, Michael Hobday, Chairman of AKG and Jobs 22, Duncan Angus, Founder of AKG, Dan McCormack, Chief Operations Officer at Jobs 22 and Chris Wright, CEO of Catch22.

Participant Andrew Greer offered to say a few words as a thank you to the team for all their help in securing not one, but two jobs. "He's now thoroughly enjoying his role as a Covid centre operative and said: "I'm very grateful to everyone at Jobs 22, they've been really supportive, even when the first job they found didn't work out. They helped me apply to be a Covid Marshall and I got the job. I really like my team there, they're like extended family."

Jobs 22 will offer the Restart Scheme to local residents for the coming four years. In order to be eligible, you have to have been on Universal Credit for 12-18 months and be referred by your work coach at the job centre.



# SEASON'S GREETINGS!

From everyone at Jobs 22

We wish you all a very relaxing festive break and here's a few pictures from our teams who are getting into the spirit of the season. Thank you so much for your support in 2021 and we look forward to making a difference across East Central in 2022.







# ABOUT JOBS 22

## A BETTER WAY OF SUPPORTING PEOPLE BACK INTO WORK

Feeling happy and purposeful at work has the power to change people's lives. Jobs 22 was formed to support people back to work, giving them access to all the tools, advice and guidance they need to thrive.

Our mission is to create lasting social and economic change by successfully getting people back to work.

If you'd like to talk more about anything we've covered in this bulletin or find out more about our services visit our website or call 0333 242 22 22.



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