

To help people whose income or employment have been affected by the Coronavirus crisis, the eligibility criteria for Future Bright have been temporarily expanded.

Visit: <http://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/future-bright/>

Future Bright offers FREE career coaching, training and support to help you develop the skills and confidence you need to take your next step in your career.

When you join Future Bright, you'll be matched with a dedicated career coach who will support you to create a personalised action plan. Your Future Bright journey is tailored to your individual needs and will fit around your existing commitments.

During the Coronavirus outbreak, our coaches continue to support residents by using telephone and online tools to stay in touch safely.

Our team of experienced career coaches can help you with:

- **Advice and support:** your dedicated coach will work with you to help you create an action plan showing where you want to be and how you can get there.
- **Developing skills:** we'll help you identify and access support and training as well as looking at ways you can get more from your current experience.
- **Personal budgets:** we can help you pay for the training and equipment you need to reach your goals.

All conversations are confidential, and focus on what you want to achieve – your coach will help you take your next step. Participation is always free, and fits around your current commitments. To learn more, read our ['Frequently Asked Questions'](#).

Who is it for?

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The expanded Future Bright service can support people who are:

- **Aged 19 and over**
- **Living in the West of England** – that's Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire
- **In paid work and receiving benefits or tax credits** – Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Job Seeker's Allowance, Income Support, Employment Support Allowance, Housing Benefit, or Means-Tested Council tax Reduction
- **People whose income or employment have been affected by the Coronavirus crisis, including:**
  - Those who have been made redundant, laid off or are at risk of redundancy, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic,
  - Employees whose hours have been significantly reduced, and who therefore have a lower income (e.g. zero hours, cut from full to part time)

- Self-employed workers, where their ability to earn has been severely impacted due to the nature of their business
- Furloughed employees, if their reduced income means they are eligible for Universal Credit.

Take your next step today!

Complete the short referral form or request an initial, informal chat with the Future Bright team by email or phone.

[Sign up here](#) or contact your local team at:

- **South Gloucestershire:** Email [future.bright@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:future.bright@southglos.gov.uk) or call 01454 866008
- **Bristol:** Email [futurebright@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:futurebright@bristol.gov.uk) or call 0117 9222250
- **Bath & North East Somerset:** Email [futurebright@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:futurebright@bathnes.gov.uk) or call 01225 395555

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