

NEW PIONEERS NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022



Welcome to the August edition of the newsletter. This month we have plenty to share with you, including pictures from the international food festival that took place on the 10th of August, it was a great success and we hope you could join us!



Each month our aim is to include information that is relevant and interesting to the Pioneers, this month we have specific articles on CV writing, transferable skills and our usual amazing Pioneer stories, we hope you enjoy what we have put together

**BE SO GOOD
THEY CAN'T
IGNORE YOU**

~STEVE MARTIN

COURSES, CLASSES AND GROUPS



SPOTLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Weekly Sessions

- Math class - Mondays 10 am till 12 pm
- Literacy class - Tuesdays 10 am till 12 pm
- Sewing lab - Tuesdays 9:30 am till 12:30 pm
 - Choir - Tuesdays 6 pm till 8 pm.
- Women's group - Wed 9:30 am till 12:00 pm
 - Belly dancing - Wed 6 pm till 7 pm

HEYWOOD

Weekly Sessions

Heady Hill Community Centre in Heywood

- Women's group - Tuesday from 10 am till 12 pm
 - Sewing classes (TBC)

COMING SOON EVENTS

Prepare 4 Change Workshop

21st September 10am till 2.30pm at Spotland Community Centre, lunch will be provided.

Setting up your own business workshop

5th & 6th of October 10 am till 2:30 pm - lunch will be provided

Halloween Family party

Monday 31st of October from 5 pm till 8 pm

To book your place please contact Sharon Dunn on 07970285870 or email Sharon.Dunn@Rochdale.Gov.UK

POSITIVE NEWS STORIES

Michael Djamalts, previously had a successful small business of 35 years. He sold his business 2020 shortly after lockdown and he became economically inactive, Micheal had no support or financial backing from any services. In March 2022, Micheal joined the NPP seeking help and support. The NPP funded an SIA level 2 course, which would guarantee him a job outcome with Capricorn Security. He completed the course successfully and started work for Capricorn in April this year. He has since gone from strength to strength, working his way up the ranks, and has already had 2 pay rises. He now works in hospitality at Etihad Stadium, where Manchester City plays. He absolutely loves his role there. Well done Michael!



You may recall our Pioneer, Joshua Emmott, from last month's newsletter.

Joshua had been unemployed and sofa surfing.

Last month he was halfway through an HGV level 2 course with Mantra in the hope of a positive job outcome.

Since July, Joshua has continued to help manage the New Pioneer Heywood Community Garden. He has also been supporting the local community, by delivering food parcels to families experiencing food poverty. His commitment was recognised, and was invited to enjoy a New Pioneers volunteering appreciation night at the Baum early this month.

Joshua has continued to search for his dream job. Most recently a role was advertised by the company 'Unlimited Potential. It was for a community engagement role, which is to explore with local adults a 'people's approach' to wealth and economics. It is Joshua's passion and belief to focus on building a stronger community, by creating peer-to-peer relationships and shifting community wealth. With encouragement and support from the Pioneer team, Joshua applied for the role.

The fantastic news is that Joshua was successful, and he starts his new role with Unlimited Potential on the 30th of August. We are all proud of him.



This is written by Alice Hardaker- the writer of this newsletter. I would like to write about how New Pioneers has impacted my life so far - I joined in March 2022 as a Pioneer. Shortly after I started working with Daisy Silva, after I demonstrated my English skills on a course I attended. Daisy asked if I would like to create the monthly newsletter. I enjoy working on the newsletter, it gives me a greater understanding of what brokers do for and with their Pioneers. Also, the impact that is being made on the community, such as the creation of different events and courses. Where all pioneers can meet and share stories, food and make lifelong connections.

The biggest thing I have learned from New Pioneers are the skills that I didn't know I had, or how and where I can improve in order to succeed both in finding a job and as part of my daily life. It is a privilege to see how my peers have progressed from week to week, I am always proud when I hear somebody has got a job or moved into education, as I know this means that their lives will continue to get better and improve due to joining the program. I still have some way to go to improve my confidence and overcome my anxiety issues. I believe with the help and support of both Brokers and Pioneers. I can become successful, continue to improve myself, and hopefully continue bringing you great news and information.

Well done to Josh Emmott for achieving 4 certificates with the National Logistics Academy and 4 certificates with ETC Awards Ltd

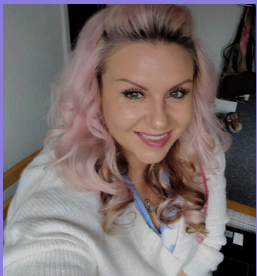


Well done to broker Agata Gorczyca for her continued efforts within the workplace, she has recently completed Emergency First Aid and Food Hygiene level 2 certificates, keep up the good work!



My story.. written by career broker Agata Gorczyca. I joined NPP in 2020 after I had lost income from my business due to the covid pandemic and wasn't entitled to help, which meant I ended up on benefits and didn't know what to do with myself. I received a phone call from the work and skills team regarding my situation who referred me to Daisy Silva, and I was really excited to start a new journey. I had coaching and mentoring sessions with Daisy Silva. I also met Mark Whittaker who helped me with my CV and interviewing techniques. My self-esteem grew drastically, when I said to Daisy " I love what you do and how you help people, my dream job is a job like yours!" we both laughed hoping for the best. About a month later the programme decided to hire another Career Broker, and I decided to apply. It was a long shot I know, and it took me a week to prepare my application. I felt I needed to show my heart because at that point I didn't have much professional experience in this direction. I got invited for the interview but unfortunately, I did not get a job at this time. Luckily for me, the interviewing panel of four saw potential in me and they offered me a part-time role of Assistant Career Broker. They offered to provide funding for my Diploma level 4 qualification in "Information, Advice, and Guidance" in which I competed last year.

I now work very hard to support people in the community and give back to pioneers of the opportunities that I received from the programme. In November, I was offered a full-time Career Broker position and I am extremely grateful to Daisy Silva- The lead Career Broker, and the Work and Skills Team from Rochdale Council.



BENEFITS OF LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE

- It can improve your brain and memory functions, as well as boost your creativity and self-esteem.
- Learning a new language can increase your chances of employability, and knowing a foreign language could help you be chosen among many other job applicants. Having a foreign language listed in your CV can help you stand out from other applicants.
- Learning a new language forces your brain to put words together in creative ways, which stimulates your brain and boosts your creativity.
- You can connect with more people from different countries, communicate better when on holiday and be more aware of the world around you.

Where can I learn a new language?



Apps such as
Duolingo and
Rosetta Stone

Online learning
websites

Take an in person
class or course
local to you

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 10th of August, an international summer festival was held at Spotland Community Centre. Pioneers, Brokers, and Volunteers were invited to sample food from a variety of different countries including Poland and Ukraine. All of the food was made by individuals from different cultures and nationalities to ensure its authenticity. The main idea of the festival, was to spread positivity to increase understanding of different cultures. The building was decorated with flags representing all the different countries. There was also a children's area in which children's activities were available such as drawing and colouring. Also at the festival was the New Pioneers choir who sung in the newly updated garden, our great Pioneer vocalist Roksana Wrzesien performed several songs alongside a local keyboard player, and we were treated to a performance of a traditional African dance with a djembe, which is a popular instrument in West Africa. Local Rochdale councillors Iram Faisal, Amber Nisa, and Faisal Rana also came along to enjoyed the celebration, making lovely remarks on the positivity of people being brought together in such a fantastic way.



HOW TO WRITE A GOOD CV

Why is A CV important?

A CV is important because it highlights what you have done in the past and the skills you have for any future employers. It is your way of demonstrating who you are and your capabilities.

What should a good CV contain?

A good CV should be no more than two pages long and contain no grammatical errors. It should be straightforward and formal. It should contain work history from latest going backwards giving a brief outline of your main duties and responsibilities. It should be easy to read and digest by an employer.

Mistakes

Mistakes often made on a CV include; adding an unprofessional email address, adding a photo, and spelling mistakes, all of these things can distract and potentially influence the decision the employer makes. Make sure you get an independent person with good reading and writing skills to look over your CV before you upload it.

Top Tips

- Make sure you tailor your CV to the role you are applying for, looking deeply at the job specification before sending your CV.
- Look online for previous roles that are similar to the one(s) you have undertaken, and see what skills are listed-you may discover you have more strengths than you think.
- Make sure you can explain all gaps in your CV. For example: If you had any issues and felt unable to work at that moment, maybe mental health issues, alcohol or drug misuse, put on a career break. As this will stop any future employers from possible discriminatory behavior when making up their minds on whom to interview

WHAT ARE TRANSFERABLE SKILLS?



Transferable skills are skills and qualities you have gained throughout your life, often in work which can then be used again in other roles.

Lots of people who have been in work or training have many transferable skills even if they don't realise that they do.

Common but useful transferable skills include:

- Communication
- Adaptability
- Problem Solving



Why are transferable skills important?

These skills are important because they allow you to interact better with colleagues, supervisors, and customers. These skills can promote stronger professional relationships, which can further your career.

You are better able to take on new tasks and responsibilities. These qualities show current and future employers that you may be highly capable in a variety of roles or departments.

What are soft and hard transferable skills?

Soft skills are the essential skills that assist in getting the job done that aren't technical in nature like communication and being dependable. Hard skills are technical and include things such as coding and data analysis.

Important contact details

Heywood Food Bank
94 Adelaide Street
OL10 4HE
07396071193
Monday and Friday
10am-12pm

Citizens Advice Rochdale
Freephone: 0808 278 7803

Kirkholt Pantry
The Strand Community Hub
OL11 2JG
Members can access a
weekly shop for £3
Thursday
9.30am-12pm

Samaritans
116 123

Recovery Republic
63-65 York Street, Heywood,
OL10 4NR
01706 622722
info@recoveryrepublic.co.uk

Rochdale AFC Community
Trust
Dale vs Hunger food pantry
The Crown Oil Arena, Sandy
Lane
OL11 5DR
Static bus outside the ground
Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm
01706643836

Milnrow Wellbeing Café
Butterworth Hall, New
Street, Milnrow,
OL16 3PQ
Tel: 01706 249100