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Planning

Returners to Work Programme

Essex County Council

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Scope

Description

This is not a tender.

Programme Objectives

The programme will provide targeted support to individuals returning to work after a career break, helping them overcome barriers and build confidence. Key interventions may include:

- CV writing and application support
- Interview preparation
- Confidence-building workshops
- One-to-one coaching and mentoring
- Signposting to relevant training and support services

The successful provider will also be expected to build strong connections with local

employers, training providers, and support agencies to facilitate progression opportunities.

Target Outcome: Support 150 beneficiaries into good-quality employment, training, or volunteering placements.

Total value (estimated)

- £125,000 excluding VAT
- £150,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 January 2026 to 4 January 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 September 2025

Engagement process description

Expression of interest form to be requested from Josh Carter at the following email address; joshua.carter@essex.gov.uk

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government