

Guidance in the workplace

Higher Futures is providing impartial Information Advice and Guidance for people who are under threat of redundancy or who have been made redundant across the Sheffield City Region. This service is supported by the Economic Challenge Investment Fund (ECIF), in collaboration with Jobcentre Plus and Next Step.

One example is the work done at Corus Steel Plants at Rotherham and Stocksbridge. More than 30 people have been seen (several on more than one occasion) and given further support via email and phone. Support has been given to a wide range of employees, including senior managers and technician apprentices. A high proportion have been aged 50+ and their qualifications range from Level 3 to Postgraduate qualifications.



Our service helps people who are qualified or working at a Level 3 or above to explore career and study options and give support with their job hunting skills. It has enabled them to look more positively at the future.

"This has really helped me to think differently about the future. I had felt really despondant"

"Thank you for all your help with my CV...I never realised I was so skilled!"

"Thank you for taking the time to listen..."

This has led to referrals to more specialist help and provision within Higher Futures. It is also an opportunity for some to view redundancy as an opportunity rather than threat (a possible change of career to teaching starting with an Access course). It has also led to much improved CV's and a more confident approach to interviews.

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