

WHAT IS TALENT MATCH?

Talent Match is a £108 million Big Lottery Fund investment in 21 Talent Match Projects in England aimed at helping long-term unemployed young people, aged 18-24, to gain employment across England. Its aim is to ensure that the skills and experience of the voluntary and community sector can be used to help tackle youth unemployment and it has been designed by young people, for young people.

Each project is led by a partnership of voluntary, public and private sector organisations and a panel of young people that will deliver local employment solutions in response to local needs. In particular, it will work closely with local businesses to develop opportunities for young people to access jobs.

WHAT IS TALENT MATCH SOUTH EAST?

In the South East, we're particularly focused on delivering locally relevant solutions in our key areas of highest unemployment.

We're focusing on specific areas within Essex, East Sussex and Kent because of the high proportion of unemployed young people living in those locations.

- **Kent:** Medway, Swale, Thanet and Dover.
- **East Sussex:** Hastings, Bexhill and Eastbourne.
- **Essex:** Southend, Thurrock, Basildon and Tendring.

WHAT SUPPORT WILL YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE?

The young person's journey on Talent Match starts with individual, one to one support from a local Talent Match Mentor who will:

- ➔ be the **one** point of contact and support a young person throughout their whole journey to employment
- ➔ help them to realise your potential.
- ➔ develop an individual plan based on their skills, interests and goals
- ➔ link them to our dedicated Employer and Skills network or employers and training providers who can help them find job opportunities

Talent Match is designed by young people for young people and is aimed at helping those young people furthest from the job market.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

- ➔ The Prince's Trust is the lead partner of Talent Match South East
- ➔ Specialist mentoring support is provided by CXK Limited in Kent, Southend YMCA in Essex and Tomorrow's People in East Sussex
- ➔ Volunteer mentoring support is provided by Prince's Trust Talent Match Mentors
- ➔ KATO are working with training providers and local employers to support young people through training, work placements and ultimately sustained job outcomes
- ➔ Other delivery partners include Hastings Works, Dv8, SCDA, The Kent Foundation, Unravel and Unwind, TCHC and SAVS

If you'd like to know more about how you can get involved, please contact:

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