

The role of the Stakeholder Managers in reducing poverty



Citizens Advice (CAB) launch their [Help to Claim Service](#) on 1st April 2019. This follows the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions announcement in October 2018 that her department will fund the Citizens Advice network to deliver a comprehensive, enhanced support service helping people to make a Universal Credit claim. CAB Advisers will offer help to claimants through every step of the first five weeks of making a Universal Credit claim. It will offer people the comprehensive and practical support they need to get their first payment on time and be ready to manage it when it arrives.

By 2023 over 7 million households across Great Britain will be receiving Universal Credit - over half of which will be in work. While some people are able to make a successful Universal Credit claim without support, the evidence shows that many others are struggling to navigate the system.

The Government's evidence shows that 1 in 6 people don't receive their full payment on time, mostly because they have difficulties making their claim. BBO's [Money Sorted Programme](#) will continue to work alongside CABs and offer continued support for unemployed people who would like to develop their financial capability skills.

Poverty Free Action

Stakeholder Managers are working alongside New Rose Associates Ltd, a local not for profit social enterprise delivering social justice focused projects within communities across Nottingham. Their new project, 'Poverty Free Nottingham', aims to challenge the systemic causes of poverty in Nottingham. Their first action focuses on the voluntary sector and the living wage. Stakeholder Managers are working with Local Authority Commissioners and are supporting an event which will invite board members and senior management of voluntary sector organisations in Nottingham to take part in a workshop to find out about how paying the real living wage can be achieved and the positive impact this will have on organisations within the voluntary & community sector.

Funders and commissioners will be invited to speak and respond to questions. External speakers will include those working in the field of 'good work' and representatives from the Living Wage Campaign. For more information contact Sonia Long: 07771 392174 or info@nralt@gmail.com

This event is FREE but you will need to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poverty-free-nottingham-voluntary-sector-living-wage-workshop-tickets-56409377968>

Good Work

The work of New Rose Associates fits well with the four-part series of events organised by Nottingham Trent Universities Civic Exchange. These events set out why Good Work is important to us and to Nottingham as a place. The next Civic Exchange event takes place on 27th March 8.00am – 9:30am at the Nottingham Trent City Campus. Focusing on the current picture of employment in Nottingham and what this means for our city.



Follow the link to book a place: <https://www.ntu.ac.uk/about-us/events/events/2019/03/the-current-picture-of-employment-in-nottingham-what-does-this-mean-for-our-city>

Stop the Charge

Stakeholder Managers, who sit on Financial Resilience Steering groups received the [positive announcement by the British Medical Association](#) that GPs will stop charging people with mental health problems for the form they need to get support with their debt. Theresa May has acknowledged the role played by the Money and Mental Health Policy Institute for their 'Stop the Charge' campaign which has played a vital role in making this happen.

This is a huge victory for everyone who supported the campaign, including 14

leading mental health and advice charities and the 2,000 people who signed the letter to the Health Secretary.

Stakeholder Managers will continue to work alongside progressive Mental Health & Employment teams within Local Authorities and Financial Resilience Steering groups to explore the actions needed to take this forward e.g. bringing together lenders, debt advisers, medical professionals and people with experience of mental health problems, to design a new simplified form for GPs to use and guidance about how it should be used.