**SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT**

My name is Paul Pickering and I am one of the Community Employment Mentors for Vale of Glamorgan Council. I have recently taken up this post having previously worked in south Powys.

I just wanted to send you some information on the services we offer in the Vale of Glamorgan. I know some of these services will be of great benefit to your community.

We can work with all unemployed and economically inactive residents of Vale of Glamorgan, with no restrictions on the length of unemployment or what benefit is being claimed. This includes those claiming PIP and ESA.

We can offer bespoke advice for your clients, ranging from updating basic skills training and gaining accredited certificates. We can pay for most types of training including employability training, such as HGV, PCV. CPC and Forklift training. All costs will be covered by ourselves.

We can also offer one to one ICT training, constructing a CV, along with job searching support and interview technique training. We can offer advice on starting a new business and what grants and interest free loans are available.. We can cover the costs of interview clothing and traveling to interviews.

We are based in the Community Enterprise Centre in Barry but can meet any of your residents in a more convenient and safer place if required.

If you would like me to discuss any of the above in more detail then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your time .

Kind regards

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