

Change is never easy. Just the idea of doing something different can be enough to make us feel uneasy.

As Walt Disney said, “The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.”

If you are thinking of making a change this year and you’re looking for help and motivation, we’ve got your back.

Everyone’s situation is different. You might be working, but it doesn’t offer enough hours. Or perhaps you long to try something different but don’t know where to start. Or are you currently unemployed or facing redundancy?

Whatever your situation we can help!

Our mentors provide free intensive one to one mentoring to help you identify and take practical steps to overcome barriers preventing you gaining employment.

What can we help you with? Here’s a list to start you thinking:

- Writing CVs
- Interview skills
- Courses
- Qualifications
- Work placements
- Links with employers
- Confidence building
- Signposting
- Volunteering

So who are we?

We have employment mentors across Flintshire.

Dan Wade and Coran Halfpenny-Williams are our mentors for young people (16-24) and they are both passionate about their job – they are experienced and appreciate the challenges often faced by young people.

Dan is 38 and from Bangor in Gwynedd and has worked for the past 15 years in various roles supporting and mentoring young people to find work.

Dan says:

“I’ve worked as mentor in Flintshire since July 2017 – a job I really love as it’s all about helping people and each day is different from the last. I’m community based which involves me working from various informal and relaxed venues like cafés and libraries.

“If I had to describe my role, I would say I’m like a big brother type. I’m approachable and always out and about meeting new people and creating great working links with employers, training providers and fellow support agencies. I will be a second person to have your back

and look out for your best interests in your journey looking for employment, training or education.

“Everyone is different - one person may need help with putting a CV together and sourcing suitable vacancies and these guys tend to move on very quickly into sustainable employment.

“Others may need more intensive support such as advice and guidance on identifying a career path that they may suit and enjoy. I can help with identifying relevant training courses, a work placement and completing interview and confidence building sessions.”

You can contact Dan by calling or texting 07880 082558. Dan is also at Daniel Owen Centre in Mold every Tuesday between 1pm and 2pm – you can just pop in and see him.