



## The Building Bridges Programme

[Building Bridges](#) is a partnership of organisations, led by [Community First](#), that has come together to deliver the Building Better Opportunities Programme across Swindon and Wiltshire. The £3.9M local funding is part of the [Building Better Opportunities](#) (BBO) programme, which is jointly funded by the [Big Lottery Fund](#) and the [European Social Fund](#).

### What is the Building Bridges programme?

The Building Bridges programme supports people across Swindon and Wiltshire who are facing significant challenges in being able to develop their skills, access education or move towards the world of work. Taking part in the programme is entirely voluntary and all of our advice and support is offered free of charge.

We work with people on a one-to-one basis to help them address the challenges and barriers they are facing and develop their own personalised plan to help them achieve their goals at a pace they are comfortable with.

The programme is a partnership of local charities, voluntary groups and organisations who are experts at supporting people and giving them the skills and confidence they need to move forward.

Each participant will have someone who works with them as a mentor, helping them to access support from across the partnership to help them achieve their goals. These mentors can also work with family members, carers, key workers or other people supporting you if you give us permission – it is entirely up to you.

We understand that there are many different factors which affect whether people feel ready to take the next step forwards - this is why we also offer specialist help and support in a number of areas including developing physical and mental wellbeing, accessing debt and financial advice and help with issues such as transport and childcare.

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### Contact Information

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