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## **Ashley Community Housing announces partnership with Seetec**

Ashley Community Housing (ACH) have partnered on a multi million pound SEETEC project. SEETEC is an experienced provider of work and skills training programmes to provide community work placements for the unemployed people coming out of the work program. ACH will work with SEETEC to support unemployed people into work placements and sustainable employment. Our culturally competent expertise as a specialist provider of support to those furthest from employment allows us to successfully achieve this.

This project dovetails with our current DWP Flexible Support Fund programme which is creating a pool of employability trainers from refugee communities with the cultural competence and to support individuals to become independent in their job search and job application activities.

ACH are developing a mix of Community Work Programme placements within local organisations, West of England social enterprises and within our own organisation. We currently have 20 work placements between Bristol and Birmingham collectively. Our SEETEC programme will open up community opportunities providing real work experience to increase the employability prospects of individuals who have suffered long term exclusion from the jobs market.

SEETEC's Community Work Programme supports people who are at risk of becoming long-term unemployed to find work. This programme ties in with our work of transforming people's lives by helping them develop their confidence, skills and experience which are all vitally important when trying to gain employment.

ACH will provide a culturally supportive environment and training within the work placements which will improve the employability of individuals from newly arrived communities. With Ashley Community Housing's experience in training these individuals and overcoming the barriers to employment, we are confident it will be a strong and successful partnership.

For more information on our courses offered, please see our website

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