

# Skills Support for the Unemployed (SSU)



Article by:  
**Philip Mantom**  
ACH Birmingham

Co-financed by the Skills Funding Agency & ESF and managed by “Skills Training”

We are now taking referrals for SSU across Sandwell.

Skills Support for the Unemployed forms part of the government’s agenda to ensure that everyone has the skills they need to access employment and share in community life. We want to provide individuals with the support they need to help them to enter into suitable vocational or occupational training, and then into suitable employment.

The Skills Support for the Unemployed (SSU) contract provides support for people living in Sandwell who have been unemployed for six months and longer. The support is focused on securing employment, and features assessment and guidance at the outset to identify the career goals of participants and individual training needs; this approach maximises the time and support available to participants.

To be eligible applicants must be aged 19 or over and unemployed, claiming either Job Seekers Allowance (including partners on Joint claims) or Employment Support Allowance.

We offer

- A friendly service that treats people as individuals and works at their pace
- Quality training from an experienced team
- The skills to help people settle into a workplace smoothly
- A track record in integration and progression

How to make a referral

Call Philip Mantom on 0121 565 3384 - email [philip.mantom@ashleyhousing.com](mailto:philip.mantom@ashleyhousing.com)  
Call Ayaan Said on 0121 565 3384 - email [ayaan.said@ashleyhousing.com](mailto:ayaan.said@ashleyhousing.com)

