

Meet the Team

Two members of the Making a Difference team talk about their jobs and what it means to them to be part of the programme.



Tara **Employer Engagement Manager**

I joined back in October 2020 as an Employer Engagement Manager, looking after a team of six in the Rural area of West Sussex and East Surrey.

I am lucky as I wear so many hats in my role from managing a great team, to engaging with local businesses, charities and colleges, as well as running events. I am always trying to think about what people on the programme would find most useful to get them back into work.

Sometimes the help that is needed is information and contacts - that's where I feel I can really add value, not only to people on the programme, but by helping businesses get some fantastic placements and applicants.



Carlton **Employment Coach**

I joined Making a Difference in October 2020 as an Employment Coach for the Crawley Area within the Rural team.

I really enjoy my role as Employment Coach. I do empathise with a lot of people needing support as I have recently been in that situation.

I mostly work with people on adapting their CVs, helping them with interview skills and helping them know where to access jobs they might not normally be able to find. One of the workshops that is most popular with people is Step into Confidence that helps people build their confidence again.

Coming from my volunteering background working with the unemployed and economically challenged, I am pleased that I can be employed within an organisation that does care about people from all backgrounds. I wish to help people and give them an opportunity towards where they wish to be no matter how big or small the step is.