

Local employment support service is here to help

Crawley's new employment support service has launched in Crawley to much success.

On Thursday evening (5 October) council partners including members of The Gatwick Diamond, STEM Sussex, National Careers Service, Gatwick Airport and Crawley College, gathered together to celebrate the launch of Employ Crawley.

Created by Crawley Borough Council in partnership with West Sussex County Council, Employ Crawley is a service that aims to support people looking for work or into higher skilled, higher paid employment.

Based at Crawley and Broadfield Library, the service will offer a uniquely holistic approach to employment support – helping people overcome barriers such as languages and self-esteem.

Residents will gain the expertise of employment services, business and training providers who will offer the best information, advice and guidance to collectively maximise the opportunities that exist in the town for Crawley people.

Speaking at the event Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Councillor Peter Smith said: "Here at the council, raising the skills and aspirations of Crawley people is something that we strive to achieve. This new service will offer the best resources and expertise from our partners helping to maximise opportunities available to those in the town.

"I look forward to hearing many success stories."

Continuing this, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills at West Sussex County Council, Councillor Richard Burrett said: "Employ Crawley is a fantastic new service and I am delighted that we have been able to contribute to it.

"Finding the right job can be difficult so I hope that having such an accessible employment support service here in Crawley will encourage people to build and develop a career they can be proud of."

Leader of Crawley Borough Council, Councillor Peter Lamb said: "We're determined to deliver better career opportunities for Crawley residents, whether it's a first job or a last, and to ensure local people get a fairer share of the benefits of our local economy. Employ Crawley is another step towards achieving that goal."

Employ Crawley is based at Crawley Library Monday-Thursday and The Hub at Broadfield Library on Fridays for more information, visit www.regeneratingcrawley.gov.uk/employcrawley