



ASCEND is pleased to be part of project STRIVE.

STRIVE (an acronym for Support and Transition Routes into Volunteering and Employment) is part of the **'Building Better Opportunities'** programme funded jointly by The Big Lottery with match funding from the European Social Fund. It aims to tackle the root causes of poverty and unemployment, such as physical and mental health issues, homelessness, addiction and much more. It brings together public, private and voluntary organisations to create one of the biggest partnerships in the county.

The three strands of the programme are STRIVE in Hertfordshire (Barriers to Employment); MILE in Hertfordshire (Financial Confidence) and Herts Youth Futures (Young People).

All those taking part will receive dedicated one-to-one support to understand and address their barriers to learning and employment. They will be offered learning and skills opportunities available through this project helping them to move towards gaining work experience placements, volunteering opportunities or apprenticeships, employment and self-employment.

These projects offer a creative and supportive way to make changes to your life. If you would like to find out more, please phone or email the team and we will make contact.

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