

EMPLOYMENT

Gaining employment is generally recognised as the best route out of poverty, and there are a number of church-based projects that help people in this area. Here we list some of the franchises, networks and projects that can be replicated in your church.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Job Clubs

CAP can enable your church to help people into work, even after years of unemployment. They provide the training and materials for you to run the Steps to Employment course, while also building the morale of those attending. www.cap.org/jobclubs

Clean Sheet

Empowers local churches to support prisoners and ex-offenders into work through its 3-Step Pathway from prison to employment, which includes support before and after release. Clean Sheet can train your church to transform the lives of those with convictions. www.cleansheet.org.uk

Ashburnham Place employability project, East Sussex

This is an example of a Christian project where those who are referred have their confidence built at the same time as learning agricultural and horticultural skills by helping to develop the four-acre walled garden. www.ashburnham.org.uk/resource/care-and-recovery

360 Journey to Work, Shrewsbury

This project empowers and supports people who want to gain employment, while building up their confidence and self-esteem at the same time. It includes a bespoke 10-week course, breakfast drop-in sessions and working closely with mentors. 360journeytowork

Caring for Ex-Offenders

CFEO connects people coming out of prison with a local church community with the aim of better assisting their resettlement into society. www.caringforexoffenders.org

Pecan Ignition Programme

The Ignition programme works alongside churches to train and support volunteers to run short employment preparation courses. www.pecan.org.uk

Suited & Booted, London

Provides suitable interview clothing such as suits, shirts and ties to men who are vulnerable, unemployed or on a low income, who are referred by other agencies. They also offer interview advice and mentoring. www.suitedbootedcentre.org.uk

SAFE Choices course

SAFE developed the [Choices programme](#) of therapy and support to be delivered to young people in school years 10-11, 16-24-year-olds and adults 25+, building confidence, hope and resilience.

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