

Jobseekers dig deep to learn skills for jobs

With local authorities recruiting for a wide range of seasonal jobs, a unique partnership is helping workless individuals by equipping them with skills in horticulture to make the most of the job opportunities.

Thanks to partnership working and accessing mainstream funding Know How North East has helped 40 Tees Valley jobseekers.



Each of the participants had six days of horticulture training including use of equipment such as strimmers, ride-on mowers and preparing the ground for seeding plus health and safety.

“Local authority horticulture jobs are recruited via agencies and our clients and Newtown residents just didn’t have the experience to compete effectively in the job market. However after this joint initiative the jobseekers are much closer to getting a job as they now have the skills that the agencies will be looking for,”

“This pilot programme, which has been targeted at those furthest away from the labour market, has been a good demonstration of how partnership working can add real value to the employability work being undertaken in the Tees Valley.”