

Support for people facing redundancy

Facing redundancy is a difficult time, both emotionally and financially. It can make you feel that you're not in control of what's happening to you. The current pandemic can make it even harder due to the uncertainty about when work and life will get back to normal.

You can feel more in control by learning about your rights and accessing the support that is available both nationally and in Sheffield.

Money Advice Service www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/redundancy

Find out about your rights, making the most of your money and moving forward. They also have a helpful [Redundancy handbook \(PDF\)](#).

Entitled To www.entitledto.co.uk

Check what financial support you can access from the benefits system.

Citizens Advice Sheffield www.citizensadvice.org.uk/sheffield free advice line 0808 278 7820, or free Universal Credit *Help to Claim* line 0800 144 8444

Free, local, independent advice on benefits, debt, employment, immigration and housing. They can help you decide what to claim and what not to claim.

Sheffield City Council

- Support for people affected by Coronavirus, including **emergency grants to help with food, travel and other essentials** if you have lost your job www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus-hub/support-for-people or call 0114 2734567
- If you're **worried about paying your Council Tax** you can request a repayment arrangement and if you're on a low income you may be able to apply for Council Tax Support www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/council-tax/difficulty-paying or call 0114 273 6633
- Apply for additional **help to pay your rent** from Discretionary Housing Payments www.sheffield.gov.uk/dhp or call 0114 273 6983
- If you have a child who goes to a Sheffield school or nursery and you are on certain benefits, you can apply for **Free School Meals**: ask the school to apply on your behalf or apply online www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/school-meals or call 0114 2734567
- If you are a **Council Tenant** get in touch with us - we can help if you're worried about paying your rent and support you to access other financial help www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/council-housing or call 0114 293 0000
- Find out about **Universal Credit**, a benefit provided by Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) here www.sheffield.gov.uk/universalcredit or call Citizens Advice *Help to Claim* line on 0800 144 8444
- The **Employment and Skills Service** can help to find work, especially for individuals with disabilities, physical or mental health issues, criminal records, skills deficits or a lack of work experience: www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/business/employment-skills
- Information if you are being **harassed by your landlord**: www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/housing/tenancy-law-rights-advice-for-tenants

Shelter www.shelter.org.uk or freephone 0808 800 4444

Find advice on their website if you're worried about paying your rent or mortgage or you have arrears.

Contact local Shelter on 0344 515 1515 or email Sheffield_Hub@shelter.org.uk if your landlord has threatened or taken action and served you with a notice or your landlord has taken action previously and there is a court order in place.

Prospects (part of Shaw Trust) 0114 279 9760

Help to update CVs, provide redundancy support, training opportunities, interview preparation and career planning.

Local Community Hubs (VAS Sheffield COVID Support Map) www.vas.org.uk/what-we-do/covid19/

Support offered by over 200 charities in Sheffield with a range of support services including employment, mental health, and local practical support such as food banks.

Local Jobs Websites

- **Sheffield City Region Jobs' Board** www.facebook.com/SCRjobs Local vacancies with local employers, managed by Sheffield City Council.
- **VAS Jobs board** www.vas.org.uk/what-we-do/jobs/all-jobs/ Latest vacancies from the local voluntary and community sector

Sheffield Volunteer Centre (VAS) www.sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk 0114 253 6649 vc@vas.org.uk (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).

Find out about volunteering opportunities. Volunteering can help to keep your skills fresh, and to gain experience of different types of work.

Redundancy Checklist

If your job has ended or you are supporting someone whose job has ended, have you thought about the following? Contact details for the organisations are listed above.

Money

- ✓ Check entitled.to or contact Citizens Advice Sheffield to check what you should and shouldn't apply for from the benefits system
- ✓ If you're a Council or Housing Association tenant, support is available from your landlord to access financial help
- ✓ You may be able to access emergency grants to help with food, travel and other essentials from Sheffield City Council
- ✓ You can contact Council Tax at Sheffield City Council if you're struggling to pay
- ✓ Are your children eligible for Free School Meals?
- ✓ If you're worried about paying your rent or mortgage you can get advice from Citizens Advice Sheffield or Shelter

Employment

- ✓ Employment support is available from Prospects and local Community Hubs
- ✓ Sheffield City Council has an employment and skills service, particularly for those with greater barriers to work
- ✓ Volunteering can help you gain skills, experience and confidence – Sheffield Volunteer Centre has information about the opportunities available