

Funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), **MyCoventry** is a two-year partnership which aims to address local, social and economic inequalities that hinder integration by supporting over a 1000+ Third Country Nationals. The project is being delivered with a number of partner organisations from across the city, utilising their strengths and enabling the development of innovative and exciting programmes to create opportunities for participants. Partners include:

- [Positive Youth Foundation \(PYF\)](#)
- [St Francis Employability](#)
- [ACH](#)
- [The Job Shop](#)
- [Coventry University \(CU\)](#)

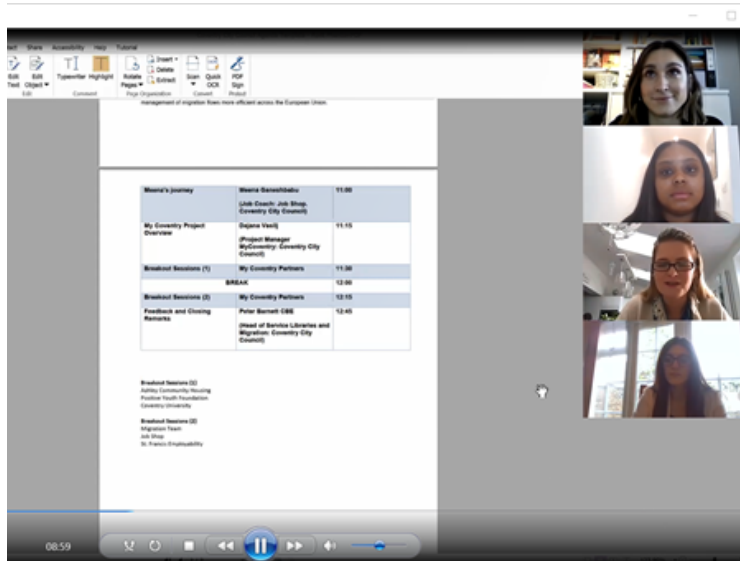
Our aims with this two-year project are simple, to create and foster a culture of friendliness and inclusion, where every citizen feels a true sense of belonging.

## THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE PROJECT FOCUS ON THREE KEY AREAS:

- EMPLOYMENT SKILLS AND DEVELOPMENT
- COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL LINKS
- LANGUAGE AND LEARNING.

MyCoventry is designed to improve language skills and enable new communities to learn and feel a part of the life of the city; as well as boost employment opportunities. By working in these areas, we can empower our communities to come together and drive change.

Despite the challenges brought on by COVID-19, the initial few months of the programme has demonstrated the incredible resilience of our partnerships, colleagues and participants.



**Above:** Zoom digital launch

To help launch the **'MyCoventry'** project, Coventry City Council - along with its partners - created a digital launch on zoom, which resulted in a successful event with a number of stakeholders showing keen interest in the strengths and services that **MyCoventry** has to offer.



## What is the MyCoventry 'Integrass' Assessment Toolkit?

At CCC, we understand that each individual new arrival will have their own specific requirements and barriers that will initially prevent them from integrating within the community fully. To combat this, the **'Integrass' Assessment Toolkit** within the **MyCoventry** programme will require each client to complete a short assessment, so that we can determine their individual needs and requirements. By completing this assessment, clients will have access to a personalised plan across the project that will aid in facilitating language learning, employability, civic orientation and meaningful contact with the host society for clients.

The uniqueness of the project means that each client will be partnered with a Mentor that they will meet with at least once a week to discuss their progress and support them in accessing services across Coventry.



**Above:** Jeremie at one of his photography sessions

## BIG PLANS, BIGGER FUTURE...

THE STORY OF HOW 17-YEAR OLD MIGRANT JEREMIE MONGANI IS TURNING HIS DREAMS INTO A REALITY

For 17-year old Jeremie Mongani, arriving in Coventry with English as his second language, wasn't going to deter him from securing a better future for himself and his family.

Jeremie was first known to the **Positive Youth Foundation (PYF)** through his attendance at Lyng Hall School, occasionally attending the School Aid Hub - a project which was funded by the Building Bridges project.

As a new arrival and with English as his second language, these sessions began to help Jeremie improve his English as well as support him with integration amongst the community. His interests and hobbies also extended further than the classroom, with a keen interest in sports - in particular football - and it wasn't long before Jeremie was signposted and attending **Building Bridge's** Football training sessions.

New in an unfamiliar city and hindered by language barriers and unemployment, the COVID-19 lockdowns began to take their toll on Jeremie's mental health and he soon reached out to PYF, who signed Jeremie up to the **MyCoventry** project and also provided him with an iPad and a Chromebook so that he could attend online sessions.

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During the two months in which Jeremie has been part of the project, he has wasted no time in trying to turn his passions and interests into reality. With aspirations to one day study Photography at college and become a professional photographer, Jeremie soon took part in Photography and ICT workshops to help gain the skills and knowledge needed to achieve his dream.

*"I'm grateful for the support of everyone at PYF & MyCoventry. Their support has allowed me to build my skills and passions, which has helped increase my confidence and get a job whilst I study"*

**- Jeremie**

Now that Jeremie has begun to build on his passions and interests, his confidence has noticeably increased too. He has also become fully focused on practical workshops that include CV building and interview practise, The hard-work and dedication shown by Jeremie to learn, improve and further integrate into the community has paid-off as he has managed to secure himself a job at a local McDonald's whilst still studying and attending PYF sessions! **Well done Jeremie!**



**Above: A sneak peak into our #MyCoventry website!**  
Due to be launched May 2021!



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