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The Warwickshire FJF is a consortium bid, submitted by WCC as accountable and lead body alongside a range of other delivery and strategic partners. The Future Jobs Fund is a perfect example of partnership working between the Council, Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce, District & Borough Councils, Jobcentre Plus, Nextstep and local employers, whether in the public, private, community or voluntary sector.

WCC and its partners are committed to providing opportunities for our most economically disadvantaged residents through a range of employment and training initiatives. An FJF job will be for at least 6 months, 25 hours per week and paid at the National Minimum Wage. The current contract with government (through the Department for Work & Pensions) is to create 73 jobs across Warwickshire which start by the end of March 2010. Due to the initial success of this scheme, the contract has now been extended to create 180 jobs by March 2011.

New partners and new opportunities are frequently emerging as the partnership expands through word-of-mouth and the marketing campaign. WCC have created a number of positions, including 2 posts recently filled at the Camp Hill Opportunities Centre in Nuneaton, in addition to a variety of positions created at private and third sector partners such as Hybrid Arts in Leamington.

If you are a Warwickshire employer and interested in becoming an FJF partner, please call 01926 412649 or email [ffj@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fjf@warwickshire.gov.uk). For more information about the Future Jobs Fund in Warwickshire, visit <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/futurejobsfund>.