

# COMPASS Jobs Fair, Birmingham

## 4th March 2013

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### What did the exhibitors think of our event?

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Very busy morning. Had lots of interest from both qualified staff which we will follow up and I'm sure we will make some appointments. Compass staff, as usual, very helpful. Thank you.

**Angela Dale – Senior Human Resources Advisor  
Worcestershire County Council**

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Throughout the day we met social workers with lots of experience, I feel that we will have a strong relationship with these going forward.

**Oliver King – Recruitment Consultant  
Medicare First**

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A great event, well organised and the venue created the right mix of space and access for the wide range of stands. At the Mulberry Bush stand we met a good number of interested professionals, and feel we have extended our profile and influence in very positive ways.

**John Diamond – CEO  
Mulberry Bush Organisation**

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The Compass Birmingham event was attended jointly by Walsall's Children's and Adults teams. The event provided a real opportunity to raise Walsall's profile as an employer of choice. We connected with a wide range of individuals from student social workers, NQSW's and more experienced social workers. We have registered over 230 people on our microsite who will be invited to join our talent pool. We hope this will deliver real ROI by reducing recruitment advertising spend during 2013/14.

**Lisa Koe – Service Manager  
Walsall Council**

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A great opportunity to introduce the possibilities of working and living in Torbay to a wide audience, and to tell them about the fantastic packages that we have on offer. A chance to compare and contrast with other authorities and to raise our profile. Compass have made this a seamless process.

**Debbie Smith – Business Support Officer  
Torbay Council – Social Care**

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Good through put to the stall, we gave out in excess of 100 packs and expect to recruit from the event, as well as raise the profile of Bedford Borough.

**Sue Corbett – Head of Service  
Bedford Borough Council**

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The Compass Jobs fair has been an excellent opportunity for Swiis to market our services to both potential candidates as well as further business partnerships. It is an excellent networking event for social work professionals.

**Miriam Ghebremedhin – Marketing Manager  
SWIIS Health and Social Care**

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A very well organised event with helpful and friendly staff. It has provided a good platform for us to communicate and engage with not only prospective students but also practitioners and organisations and has proved invaluable in raising awareness in the area.

**Marek Zacharkiw – Marketing Executive  
Nottingham Trent University**

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Well organised – friendly, helpful support as usual. Lovely lunch.

**Sue Thompson – Director  
Avenue Consulting Ltd**

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Thanks very much! Compass staff have been very friendly and helpful as always. We had a lot of interest in our organisation, and signed up 16 new members.

**Andy Jolly – Membership Secretary  
Social Work Christian Fellowship**

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A really supportive and caring environment for new social workers – seminars up to date with credible speakers and positive feedback from attendees, 'Wasn't sure whether to come or not but found the day amazing' – from a support worker. Many thanks to Compass jobs fair!

**Stephen Willey – Chair  
RAT Network**

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- Very informative seminars
- Good networking event
- Well organised
- Good opportunity to engage with social care professionals and other organisations.

**Anneth Bryan – Director  
Well Springs**

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Overall an excellent day, it provided us with an opportunity to raise our profile and make people aware of our service provision. There was a lot of interest in job vacancies that we have available, also a number of contacts were made regarding commissioning of our future services. The hospitality and lunch was of a very high standard. Definitely recommended.

**John Exton – Business Development Lead  
Future Directions CIC**

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A very enjoyable day – very useful in terms of raising awareness and promoting Living Springs. Some interest gained for future job vacancies and volunteering. Good for positive networking with other organisations and local authorities.  
A very well organised day – thank you!

**Jane Chapman – Centre Director  
Living Springs**

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Useful to raise awareness about the Children's Society, our local projects and volunteering opportunities. Linked up with other organisations who run volunteering units.

**Jenny Mahimbo and Jo Turner – Programme Manager and Admin Manager  
The Children's Society**

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We have had 77 people visit our stand which has provided us with many opportunities to promote our services and raise awareness. It has also given us opportunity to network with other exhibitors.  
I found the support and information given to us by Compass leading up to the event very useful. The food was lovely.

**Joy Cairns – Volunteer Coordinator  
Crisis Skylight Birmingham**

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Overall it was a really good event. We met a lot of relevant and potential candidates. Happy with the location and the staff were friendly.

**Agne Kinduryte – Staffing Associate Manager  
The Challenge Network**

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Well organised, well attended and well looked after.

**Steve Pugh – Director of Social Work  
University of Salford**

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