

COME WITH A PAST. LEAVE WITH A FUTURE.

Supporting those who may have experience of the criminal justice system and/or a history of drug addiction to realise their potential, reintegrate, and attain employment.

[About Bridge](#)

Our Services

We create second chances by providing education, training, holistic and recovery support.



Key Working

Ongoing, focused care and case management.

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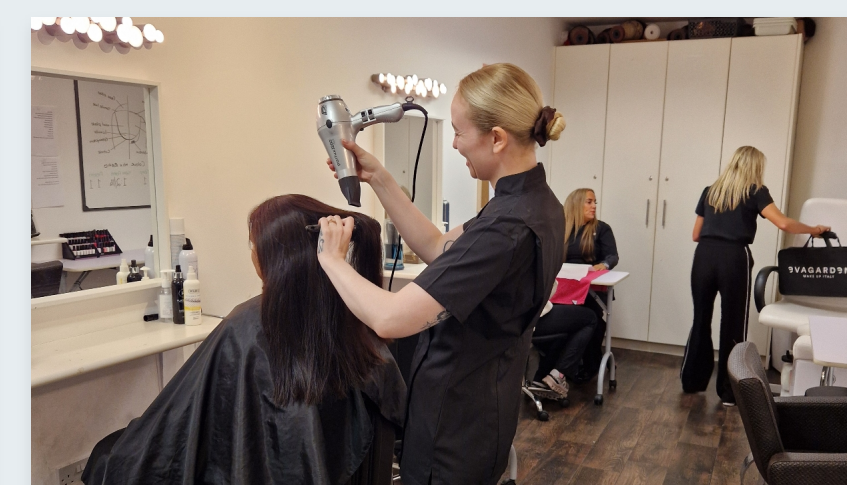
Education & Recovery

Wide range of Back to Education Initiatives and a recovery support programme

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Training

Diverse training across a wide range of in-demand skills to help clients re-engage with employment.

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Community Employment

Placements that provide the experience and confidence needed to secure and thrive in employment.

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Client Stories

Working with our clients to help create positive futures.

“ *I'd lost all self esteem, but getting on the Community Employment scheme brought back my confidence* ”



ABOUT BRIDGE

We are a charity, based in Dublin's inner city. We work with men and women, over 21 years of age, who may have experience of the criminal justice system and/or a history of drug addiction, to create second chances.



Our Mission

Established in 1991, Bridge's mission is to work collaboratively with individual offenders and partner agencies to unlock potential and effect positive change.

We envision a future where all those with an offending history are afforded opportunities to develop their full potential, reintegrate with families and society and to attain employment.

Who we support

- ✔ Clients who have been referred to us by their Probation Officer or other agencies.
- ✔ Those who self-refer seeking education opportunities and support, who may have a history of addiction or experience of the criminal justice system.
- ✔ Clients referred through our JARC Programme.



JARC (Joint Agency Response to Crime)

JARC is an initiative led by The Probation Service, An Garda Síochána and the Irish Prison Services. It aims to reduce a person's risk of offending by supporting them in making positive decisions about their life.

JARC takes a multi-agency approach, working with people caught in a cycle of offending and supporting them to break that cycle. Clients meet regularly with their Probation Officer and have access to a key worker, who works collaboratively with them on their care plan.

At Bridge, JARC clients can also benefit from the Community Employment Scheme, Back to Education & Training Initiatives and Recovery Education.

Clean Slate Property Services

Founded and managed by Bridge, Clean Slate is a Social Enterprise that was set up in 2021 to support those with a criminal history to access employment. A core objective of Clean Slate is to create jobs for people who have experienced prison or probation and find it difficult to secure employment.

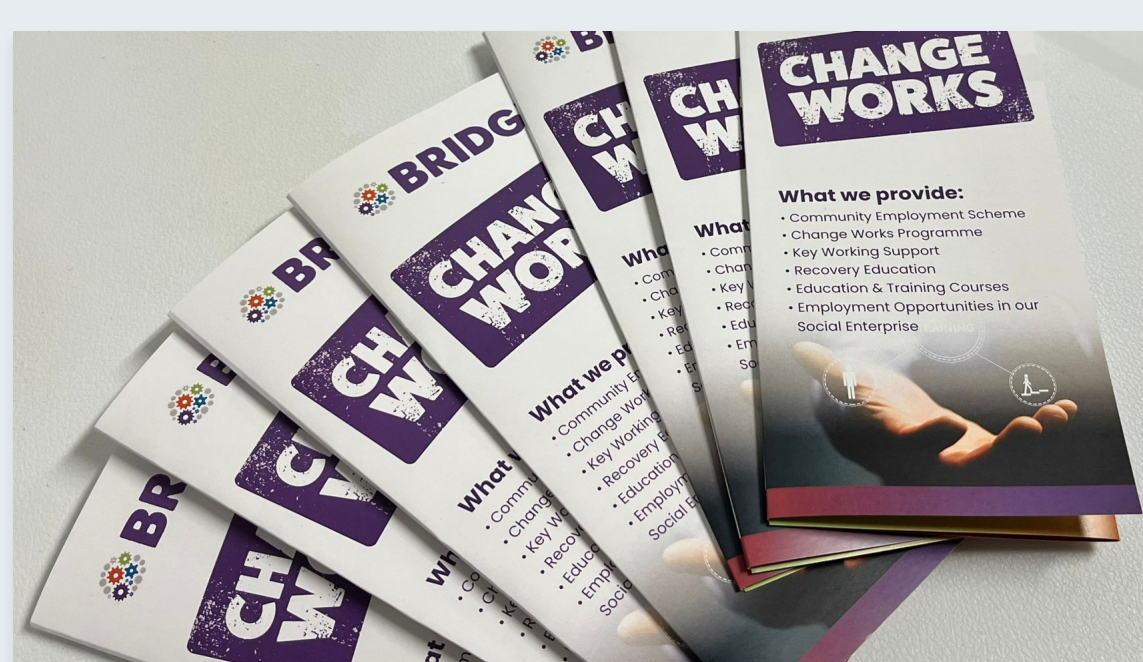
It offers an opportunity to get real work experience and training. It provides meaningful work that helps promote self-esteem.

[visit cleanslateservices.ie](https://www.cleanslateservices.ie) »



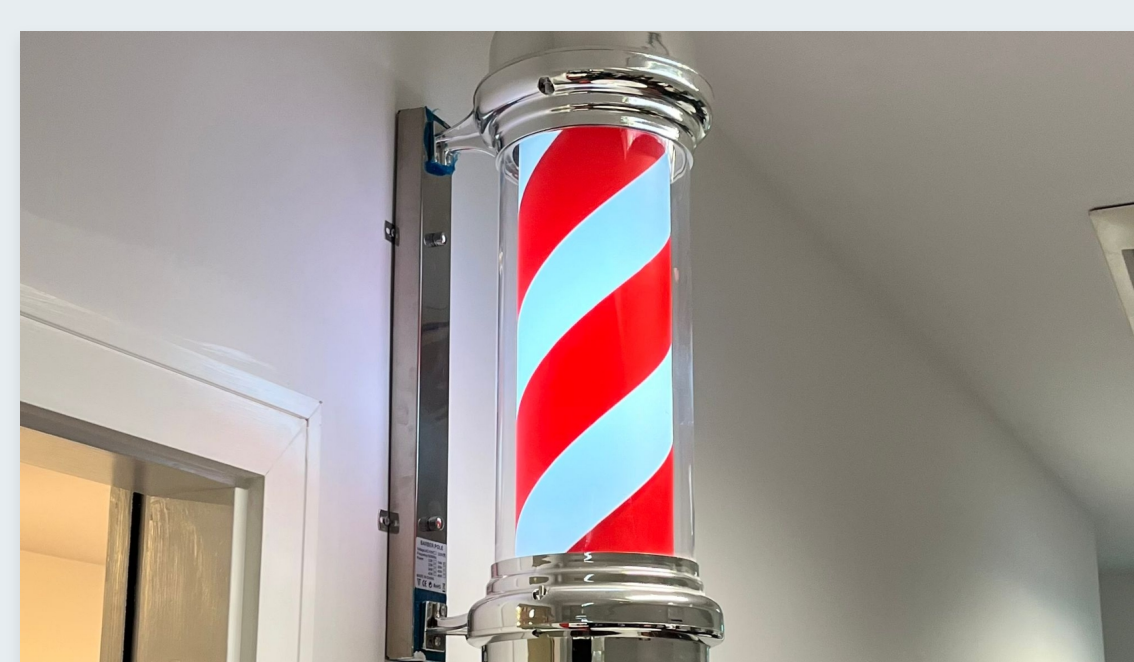
How we Support Clients

Bridge provides wraparound services through our multidisciplinary team designed to support our clients by



Effecting Positive Change

We aim to create safer communities by developing and supporting implementation of innovative, evidence-based responses and practices that reduce re-offending.



Unlocking Potential

Placements that provide the experience and confidence needed to secure and thrive in employment.



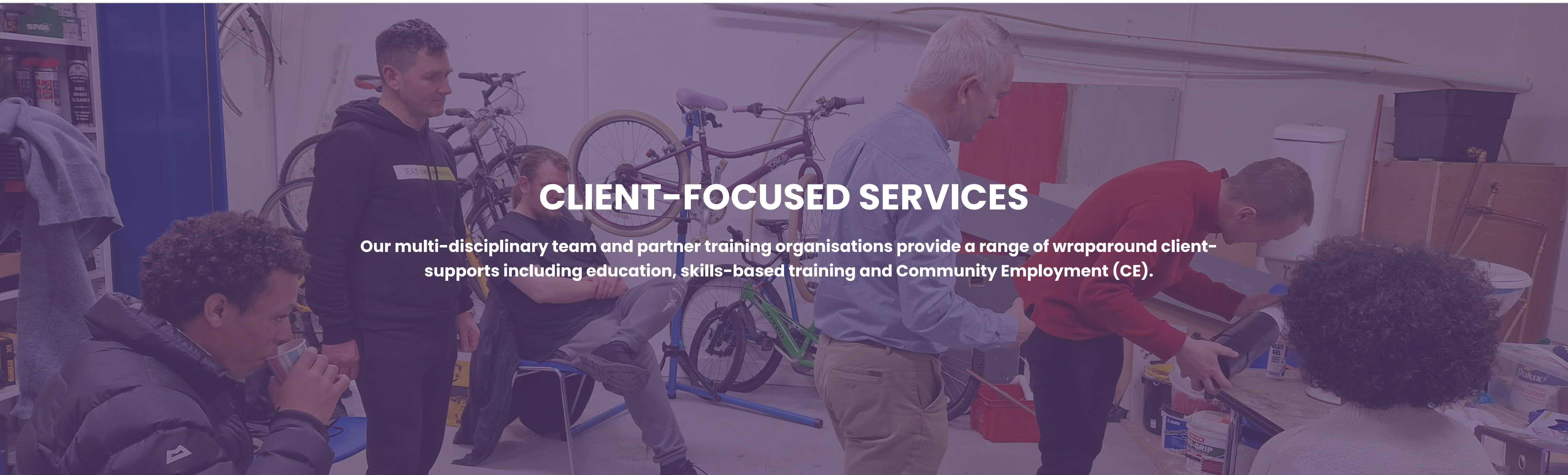
Removing Barriers

Through partnership with criminal justice agencies, we actively remove barriers to progression in order to create the right environment for our clients to flourish. Our clients become change-agents in their own futures, often for the first time.



Our Values

- ✔ We are accountable and transparent
- ✔ We believe in people's ability to change
- ✔ We are professional and competent in our work
- ✔ We are inclusive, fair and give everyone a voice
- ✔ We are welcoming and hospitable to those we work for and with
- ✔ We recognise when people do something good



CLIENT-FOCUSED SERVICES

Our multi-disciplinary team and partner training organisations provide a range of wraparound client-supports including education, skills-based training and Community Employment (CE).



Key Working

Many Clients are also assigned a Key Worker, who provides focused care and case management on an ongoing basis. This ensures that the Client receives appropriate support and assistance and is assisted with access to the most appropriate range of services.

Education

Bridge provides access to a range of Back to Education initiatives (BTEI) including:

- ✔ Personal & Professional Development
- ✔ Computers
- ✔ Career Preparation
- ✔ Cooking Skills
- ✔ Mathematics
- ✔ Community Development
- ✔ Art
- ✔ Communication Skills



Recovery Education

Bridge provides comprehensive recovery supports and education. Our dedicated Recovery Educator delivers support through recovery groups, and also works with clients on individual plans. Our goal is to help our clients throughout their recovery journey, offering the constructive and non-judgemental support they require every step of the way.

Skills Training

We provide access to a wide range of training in practical, in-demand skills including:

- ✔ DIY & Home Repair
- ✔ Hair & Beauty Diploma
- ✔ Barista Skills
- ✔ Barbering Skills
- ✔ Bicycle Mechanics

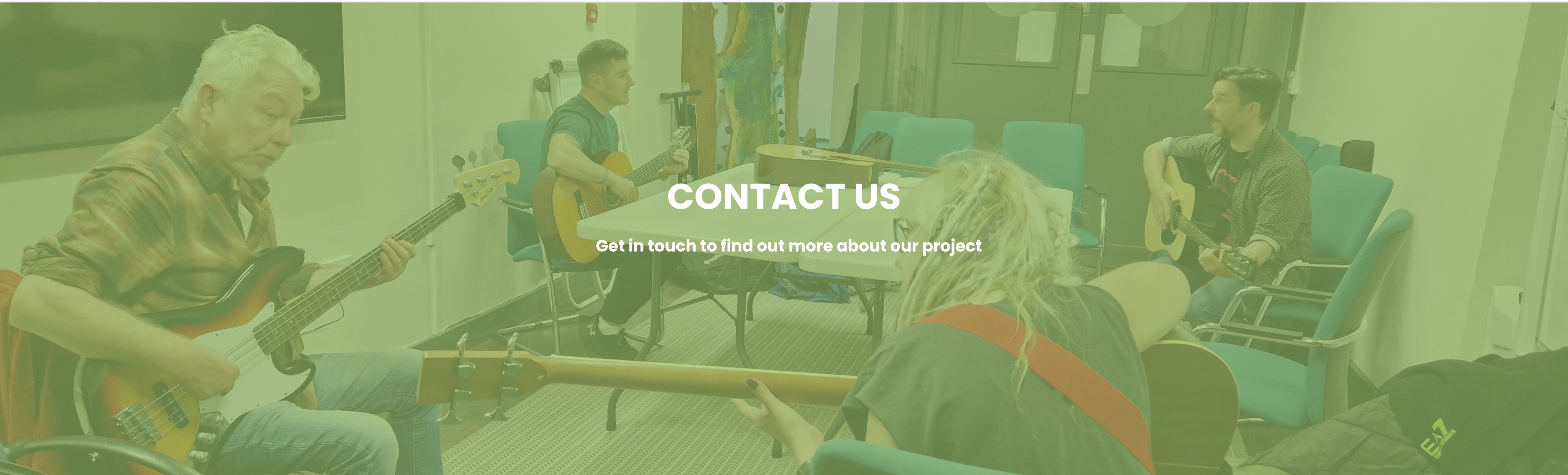
Training and work placements are also undertaken in partnership with [Clean Slate Property Services](#), a social enterprise established by Bridge, which provides a range of property clearance and maintenance services.



Community Employment Scheme

Our CE Scheme is targeted at men and women over 21 years of age with a history of drug addiction and/or the criminal justice system. Designed to promote confidence and self-esteem and to provide our clients with the experience they need to succeed in the workplace

- * 5 mornings per week
- * Training, education and employment focused
- * Support from a Key Worker
- * Access to recovery education and holistic supports.



CONTACT US

Get in touch to find out more about our project

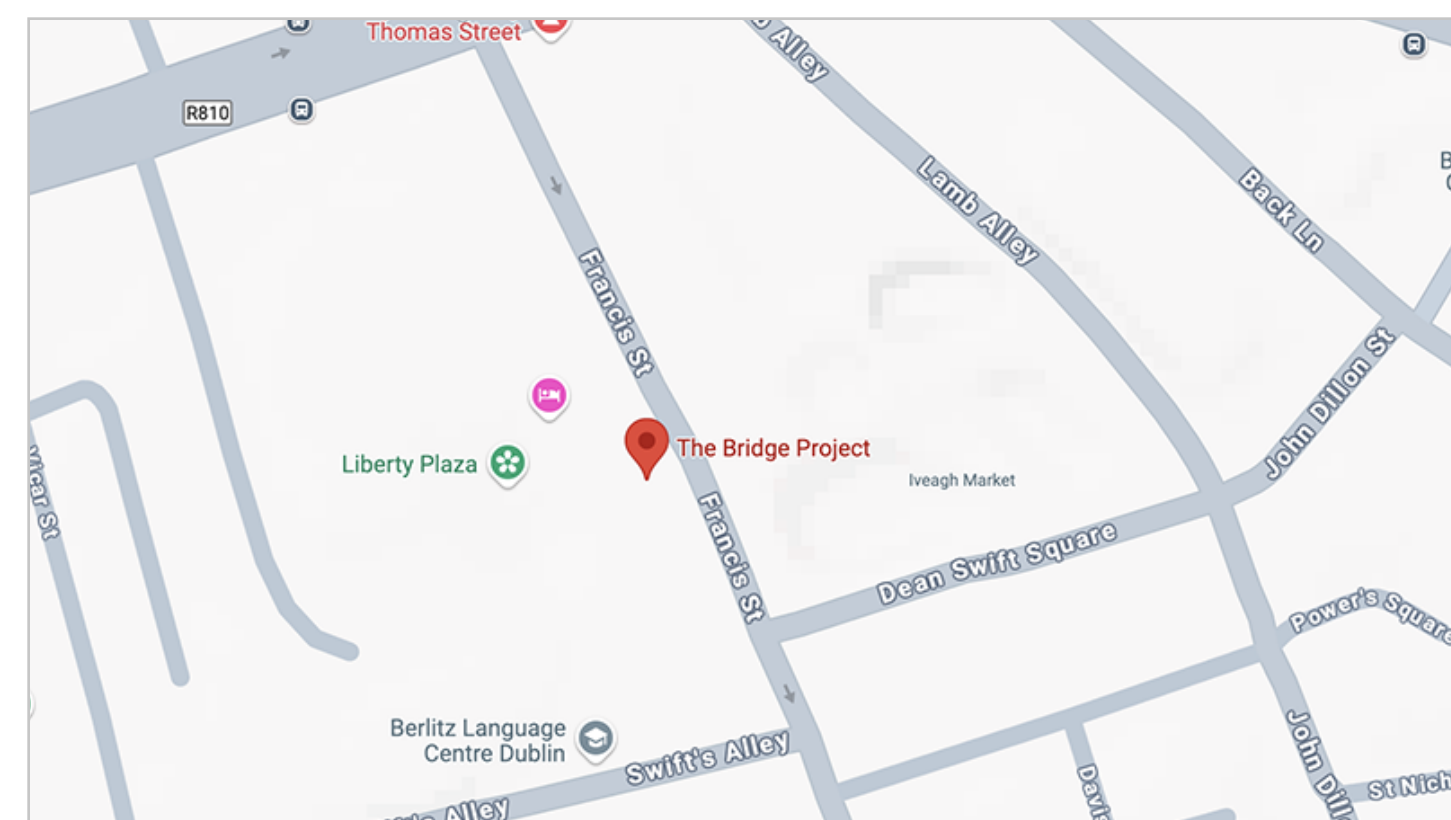
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OPENING HOURS

Monday – Friday

9am – 5pm

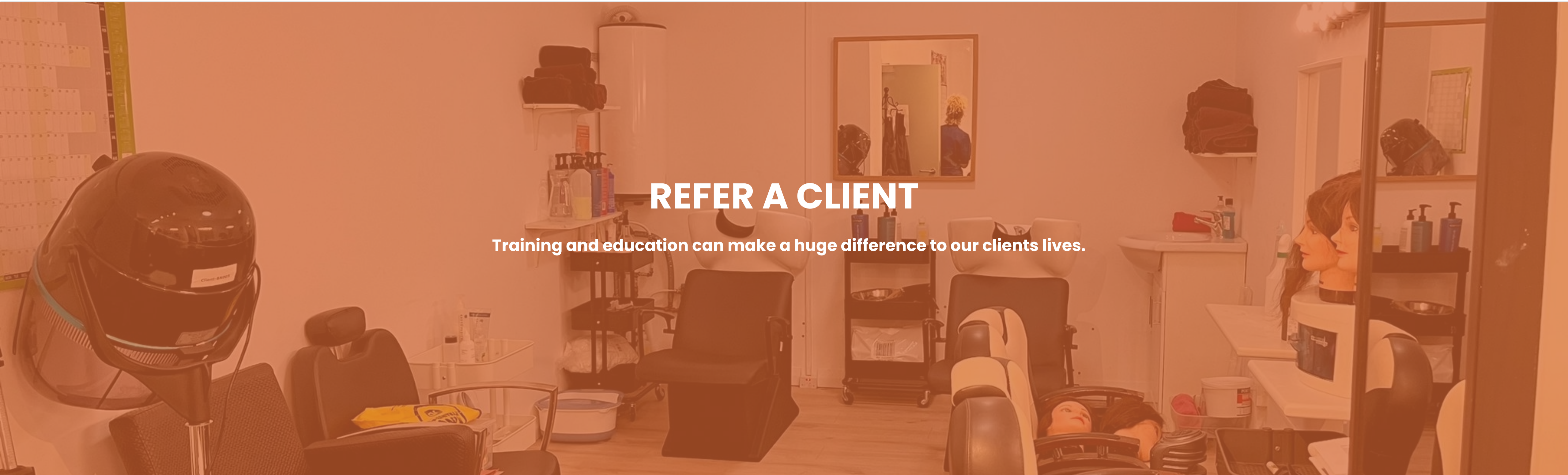
GETTING HERE

Bus Routes – [123], [40], [13]

PARKING

On street parking and a paid parking block just one minute from the office.





REFER A CLIENT

Training and education can make a huge difference to our clients lives.

If you are seeking to refer someone to Bridge who can benefit from our services and support, please download our Referral Form (below) fill in the required details as indicated, and email the completed form to referrals@bridge.ie

[Download Referral Form](#)

