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Migrant Workers and the Swindon Economy

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Today's Presentation will cover:

- An overview of Swindon and its migrant worker population
- Issues relating to migrant workers
- The benefits of migrant workers
- How the public and private sectors are working together in Swindon
- Questions and discussion

An overview of Swindon and its migrant worker population

- Forget your preconceptions – Swindon is alive and thriving
- Migration is not a new phenomenon , its part of our history
- What does migration look like today?

Issues with migrant workers

- In Swindon, thankfully, no real big issues.
- Community tensions
- Access to information – especially on worker rights, laws and responsibilities
- Accommodation
- Impacts of economic downturn

The benefits of migrant workers

- Filling a gap in the workforce
- Opportunities for ‘bulk’ recruitment
- Strong work ethic
- New skills and approaches
- New diversity

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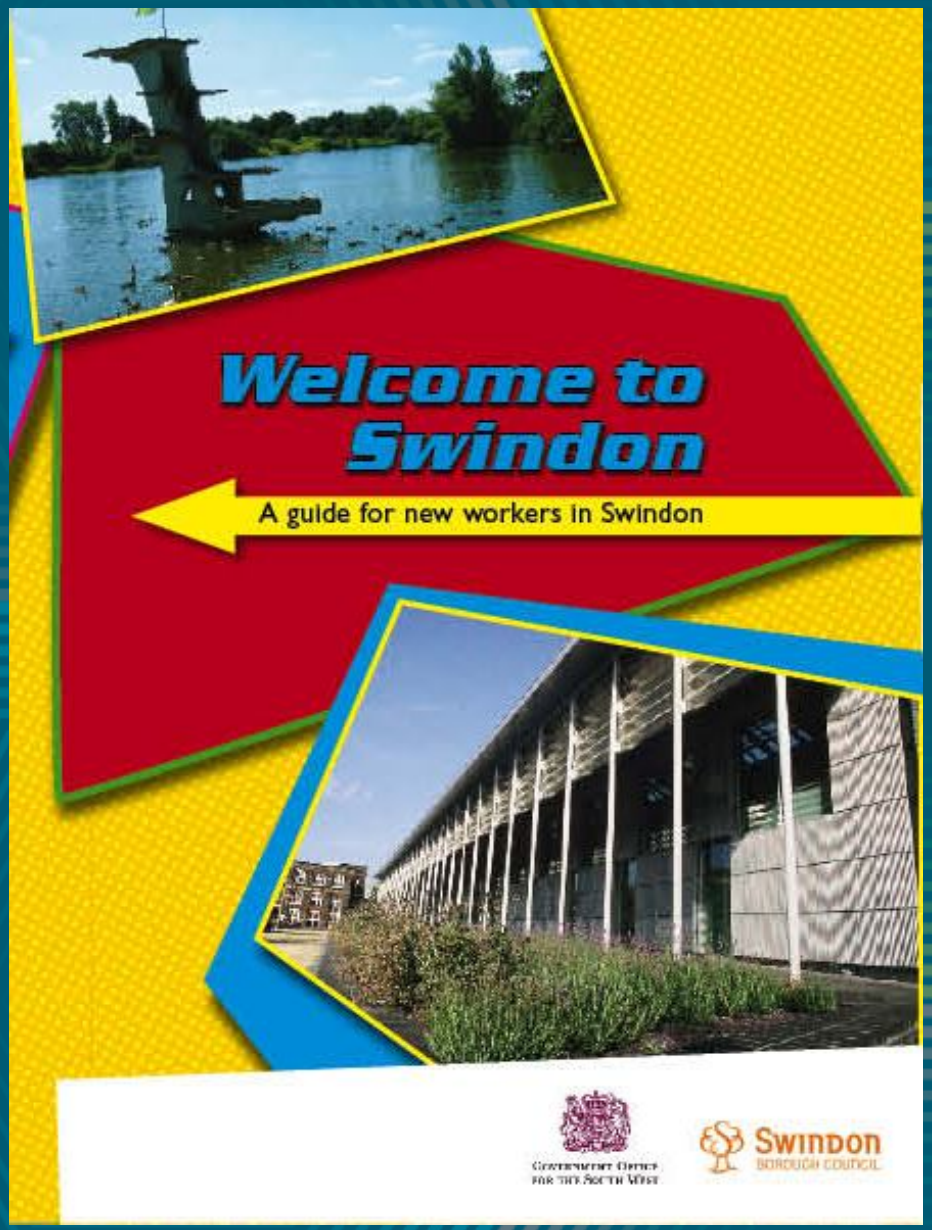
How the public and private sectors are working together in Swindon

- Making ‘Belonging’ a local priority
- Partnership working



- Public sector empowering employers to help migrant workers settle in both jobs and the local community
- Practical measures

In conclusion

- Swindon has promoted a positive reaction to migrant workers
- Partnership focus on anticipating problems before they happen
- Strong partnerships between public and private sector have been key to delivering results
- Emphasis on solid information backed by practical solutions.

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Thank you for listening

Any questions?