

# Youth Employment Opportunities Bulletin

27 March 2017

## Activity Agreements

Helping young people realise their potential.

Support for 16-19 year olds into employment, training or education.

Welcome to the latest bulletin of jobs, training and opportunities that the Activity Agreements team are aware of this week. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please use the contact details beside each opportunity.

Edinburgh Guarantee job opportunities are advertised on the website [www.edinburghguarantee.org](http://www.edinburghguarantee.org) where young people should register, complete a Member Profile, sign up for job alerts and apply online.

Further opportunities can also be found through the Joined up for Jobs Noticeboard and email digest from Capital City Partnership on [www.joinedupforjobs.org.uk](http://www.joinedupforjobs.org.uk).

## NEWS

### Participatory Budgeting

Voting is currently open for the  
Activity Agreements Your Choice Youth Projects

Further information can be found here  
<http://www.joinedupforjobs.org.uk/noticeboard/your-choice-youth-projects/>

#### **What is 'Your Choice: Youth Projects'?**

Your Choice: Youth Projects is the second Activity Agreements participatory budgeting opportunity. The City of Edinburgh Council has encouraged organisations to submit project ideas under the funding opportunity 'Your Choice: Youth Projects'. The activity is for young people on Activity Agreements and/or at stage 1-2 of Edinburgh's Strategic Skills Pipeline. The projects that are funded will be decided by the group of young people who the activity is designed for - through a Participatory Budgeting process.

**Participatory Budgeting.** This is a funding approach giving decision-making powers to people, encouraging them to be directly involved in the shaping of new ideas and opportunities and involving people in voting for which service they wish to fund. For this funding opportunity the voters will be young people. More information can be found on the Participatory Budgeting Scotland website: <http://pbscotland.scot/>

# Training Opportunities

## Access to Industry

### Filmmaking Taster Session for 16-21 year olds



Access to Industry, in conjunction with Screen Education Edinburgh, have been commissioned by The Fruitmarket Gallery, to deliver a course for young people aged 16-21 year old who are unemployed and from Edinburgh, in the art of Film Making. Including initial design through to recording and editing. From this they will gain experience in working with industry professionals and other young people and create a film to be proud of. The course will be 8 weeks long, running each Friday from 10am until 1pm from 31 March. Travel vouchers will also be provided where required.

The theme of the film will be Young People and their Identity which links with the Fruitmarket Gallery's current exhibition by Mark Wallinger. The design and substance of the film will be decided by the students of the course themselves. This is an opportunity to try something new in the Arts, Film Making, Production or Acting. The final product may be shown at some prestigious events throughout the city and used to promote next years: 2018 – Year of the Young Person, throughout Edinburgh.

To book a space, or for further information, contact [grahamredpath@accesstoindustry.co.uk](mailto:grahamredpath@accesstoindustry.co.uk), or call 0131 260 9721.

## venturetrust

Venture Trust provides personal development programmes for young people and adults who, because of their life experiences, have become marginalised, vulnerable or are living chaotic lifestyles. We combine intensive development experiences in Scotland's wilderness areas with up to 12 months of community-based outreach support to enable participants to make sustained positive changes. Our four main programmes are:

Programme	Age range	Who it's for
Inspiring Young Futures	16-21 year olds (25 if care experienced)	Young people experiencing challenging life circumstances, who want to make positive life changes.
Living Wild - Chance for Change	16-30 year olds	Men and women in the criminal justice system and on a Community Payback Order (and sometimes on other criminal justice orders).
Next Steps	16+	Women who have been involved in offending or at high risk of offending.
Positive Futures	16-64 year olds	Military veterans struggling with the transition to civilian life.

[www.venturetrust.org.uk/programmes](http://www.venturetrust.org.uk/programmes)

0131 228 7700



### Routes 2 Market (R2M)

Routes to Market is a 12 week programme for 16-25 year olds who are job ready and looking to move into employment.

This programme helps participants create their own personalised job searching strategy. It gives an insight into the current labour market by looking at real jobs and current career opportunities.

With the support of the RTM Tutor, participants will undertake a research project looking at employment sectors and gain a real understanding of the recruitment processes used by employers today with opportunities to visit some of Edinburgh's largest employers and **take part in a work experience opportunity with an employer who has vacancies to fill.**

Many of the employers are based at the west side of the City and includes the Airport.

Topics will include:

- ✚ Effective labour market research leading to better targeting of job applications
- ✚ Preparation for more challenging recruitment practices e.g, panel interviews, group assessment days and presentation interviews
- ✚ Developing job search strategies that include all current routes to market, e.g. Social Media, personal marketing to employers, web based approaches and the role of recruitment agencies.
- ✚ Produce multiple sector specific CV's, cover letters, personal statements and application forms using scoring systems to ensure a higher interview rate

Participants will gain the following SQA Qualifications for taking part:

- ✚ Preparing to Work
- ✚ Developing Skills for Employment
- ✚ Introduction to Work Place Skills
- ✚ Communications 4
- ✚ Job Seeking Skills

Participants can apply for EMA if eligible or remain on DWP benefits if applicable. The course will start on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April and run from Gate 55 on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please contact [donna.layden@edinburghcollege.ac.uk](mailto:donna.layden@edinburghcollege.ac.uk) for more information.

## BRIDGING THE GAP

Pre Youthbuild - Bridging the Gap is a new and exciting 3 week engineering taster programme which has been designed to assist young people who have an interest in securing a future in Construction. We have made excellent links with various construction employers who will support both the programme and training. Trainees will take part in various workshops intended to strengthen employability skills as well as complete a work placement opportunity. Support will be offered to create a CV to assist in securing any employment, education or further training opportunities.

## ELIGIBILITY

Participants must have a genuine interest in construction, be aged 16-24 and reside in Edinburgh City Council area. A good level of numeracy and literacy would be an advantage.

## THE PROGRAMME AND HOW IT WORKS

Pre Youthbuild – Bridging the gap is a combination of training, support and work experience and you can expect the programme to look like this:

### Stage One – 2 weeks Training

Manual Handling   Safety Awareness   CV session   Employer expectations

### Stage Two – 1 Week

Work placements will be identified through our employer links and participants will be supported by a dedicated key worker through site visits.

## ATTENDANCE/EXPENSES/NEXT STEPS

Starts 03.04.2017, 3 days per week, 1000-1600. Castlebrae training centre (address below).  
Travel expenses provided.

Successful completion of this taster will lead to the opportunity to secure a place on our full youthbuild programme which enables the young person to gain training in:

CSCS   Vehicle Reverse Marshall   PASMA   Abrasive Wheels  
SQA Health and Safety in Construction Environment   UKATA Asbestos Awareness  
Small Plant and Tools

## RECRUITMENT

An application form is provided and must be completed in full. All young people who apply will be invited to attend an interview. We may contact referrers prior to interviews should we feel we need further information regarding applicants. **Completed application forms can be sent via post or e-mail:**

**Address:** Action for Children, Units 17 and 18 Castlebrae Business Centre, Peffer Place, Edinburgh, EH16 4BB

**E-mail:** [lauren.cargill@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:lauren.cargill@actionforchildren.org.uk) **Tel:** 0131 661 1354

*as long as it takes*

# SmartWorks Edinburgh

## Who we are and what we do

The logo for Smart Works Edinburgh, featuring the text "SMART WORKS" in a large, white, sans-serif font above the word "EDINBURGH" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, all contained within a solid blue rectangular background.

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## Interview clothes and support

### Job specific clothes

Smart Works Edinburgh is modelled on the successful charity Smart Works London who supported more than 1200 women back into employment last year.

The concept is very simple. Once your client has been offered an interview for a job or a placement you refer her to us. We will find a suitable outfit for her to wear at her interview and also give her a session with a professional person who has experience in interview training. In total she will be at Smart Works for between 90 minutes and 2 hours and by the end the client will look great and feel confident. This will increase her chance of success in the interview. She keeps the outfit and if she is successful in the interview she can return to Smart Works for some additional items so she is suitably equipped for several days in her new job.

Our quality clothes are donated by business women and retailers across Edinburgh. Our service is run by volunteers and we are funded by donations from individuals, trusts and funds. We are new to Edinburgh and very much look forward to supporting your clients into employment.

We are open Tuesdays to Thursdays, 10am to 5pm and usually require at least a day's notice to book an appointment but please ring us - we can be contacted out of hours - and will do what we can to make arrangements with you straight away.

**For further information, please call: 0131 516 7787 or email: [edinburgh@smartworks.org.uk](mailto:edinburgh@smartworks.org.uk).**

# RUTS



RURAL & URBAN TRAINING SCHEME

## EF STAGE 3 18+

- Open to eligible young people aged 18-24
- Course runs Mon-Thur 10am to 3pm @ RUTS HQ for 9 weeks
- Gain a SQA Personal Development Award
- CV Building / Interview Skills
- Explore Job Opportunities / College

**Added Extras!**

**Opportunity to sit your motorbike CBT!**

**Increased training allowance of £70 and travel allowance of £18 per week!**

Contact RUTS ASAP on 01316635736 or via email to [Stuarth@ruts.org.uk](mailto:Stuarth@ruts.org.uk)

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(Barnardos Employment Skills Training)

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- A chance to try volunteering
- Personal development opportunities
- Employment & college tasters
- Gain an SQA in employability
- Receive training in emergency first aid
- Loads of other fun activities for you to try

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For more information please contact Theodora on 07712 415 536

## Employment Safety Net

Our Employment Safety Net project targets young adults (16-24) who are hard to reach. Some of our specific target groups are parents, offenders, additional support needs including poor mental health or care experienced. These however are not necessary criteria for a young person to be referred.

The support we give to a young person on the Employment Safety Net is very much tailored to the individual. We work holistically with each young person to explore what motivates them, and help them to identify services which may be able to assist them to achieve their goals. Whilst we do signpost to other services, we aim to stay the constant face in a young person's life and can support young people for up to 3 years.

We are also an Activity Agreement hub, and so support young people through their activity agreement. We do not run specific Activity Agreement group activities, but rather work with the young person to encourage them to identify local groups, learning opportunities or volunteering placements that they can get involved with.

### Where?

The project covers mainly Bingham, Magdalene, Niddrie & Craigmillar.

### What age range?

16-24

### What's on offer?

1-1 support, home visits, streetwork, chumming to appointments, housing advice, CV's, job search, volunteering, mock interviews, access to contraception, drop in, pizza nights, signposting to specialist services, progression to activity agreements.

### How can you refer?

The referral process is very simple, you can either contact us as a worker, or pass our details onto the young person and they can contact us directly. Alternatively, we'd be happy to meet the young person with you, if this made the meeting easier for the young person.

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# IDENTITY DOCUMENTARY PROJECT

## FRUITMARKET - ACCESS TO INDUSTRY

8 WEEK FILM PROJECT FOCUSING ON THE PROCESS OF PROFESSIONAL FILMMAKING WITH AN AIM TO PRODUCE A SHORT DOCUMENTARY WITH THE THEME OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND IDENTITY

### WHEN?

31st March 2017  
10am-1pm

7th/21st/28th April 2017  
10am-1pm

5th/12th/19th/26th May 2017  
10am-1pm

### AGE

16 - 21

For more Information please contact  
[grahamredpath@accesstoindustry.co.uk](mailto:grahamredpath@accesstoindustry.co.uk)

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Re-Union Canal Boats Ltd  
tel: 0131 261 8529  
e: [info@re-union.org.uk](mailto:info@re-union.org.uk)

Charity No: SC035342 Company Reg No: 265866  
Registered Office: 1 Union Path, Edinburgh EH3 9QD



Edinburgh Project SEARCH provides employment and learning opportunities for young people with a disability. It is a partnership between the City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian, Edinburgh College and Intowork.

Edinburgh Project SEARCH is a business-led programme which means the young people learn relevant, marketable skills while immersed in the business environment. The young people take part in 3 internships with the host employer over 40 weeks, resulting in improved skills and confidence, with 800 hours of work practice. A tutor and job coaches are based on site at all times, working closely with the business to provide training, internships and on-going support.

### How to Apply:

You must

- Be between 16 and 24 years old
- Want to secure a full time job (16+ hours)
- Live within the city of Edinburgh
- Have a recognised disability
- Be able to commit full time for 1 year

### What you will do:

Starting in August and lasting 1 college year, you will

- Attend every Monday to Friday during term time
- Complete 3 different internships (each approx 10 weeks) within the CEC or NHS Lothian
- Complete 5 hours at the internship and 2 hours in the training room each day
- Work towards a qualification and Project SEARCH course work
- Gain skills needed for work

**We are currently recruiting for our 2017/18 programme beginning in August. To download an application pack please visit <http://www.edinburghguarantee.org/young-people/find-a-job/12574-edinburgh-project-search-intern/> or email: [project.search@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:project.search@edinburgh.gov.uk)**



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## Bridgend Growing Communities

**Do you like being outdoors? Learning new things? Want to get experience and skills to help your chances of getting a job?**

We are offering a volunteering and supported work experience programme for young people aged 16 to 25 based around community food-growing, construction and cooking at our allotment site.

Sessions run between 10:00 and 15:00 on Mondays and Tuesdays for 13 weeks. You will be able to access certificated training in organic growing and gain REHIS and First Aid certificates.

We are based at Bridgend Allotments, 41 Old Dalkeith Rd, Edinburgh EH16 4TE

We provide lunch and will pay travel costs.

For more information please contact Davie at [bridgendgrowingcommunities@gmail.com](mailto:bridgendgrowingcommunities@gmail.com).



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Thursday 20th April 2017

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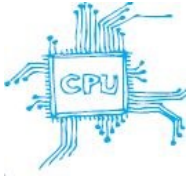
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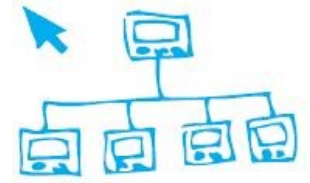


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Closing the digital skills gap for young people



**Exciting new IT courses aimed at young people who want to explore working with computers as a career. These free courses are packed full of exciting opportunities including building a PC and get CISCO IT industry accredited certification. Aimed at 2 levels:**

## Course 1 IT Foundation

Understand the basics of computers and communication. With a practical, hands-on focus, the course covers introduction to computer components, software, hardware, basic networking and troubleshooting. Basis for moving onto the technical course as well as useful for people thinking about working in an office environment. The next course will be run in July 2017.

## Course 2 IT Essentials

Build a computer then learn how it works including hardware, software, security, networking and troubleshooting., this course goes into more technical details and requires a commitment to self study as well as classroom support. Combining training, support and work experience, it will help get jobs in roles like IT helpdesk support and IT support technician or gain college entry. Includes **work placement** opportunity and helps launch a career in IT. Delivered at Castlebrae Business Centre over 10-12 weeks. Next course starts on 18th April—only 2 places left.

## Eligibility

Unemployed young people aged 16-25, who can demonstrate an interest in computers and live in Edinburgh City.

## Referrals

Phone **0131 661 8888** to book an assessment. Application forms should be completed before applicants are invited to attend an interview.

We will assess and discuss which course is best the best course option with each candidate.

**Completed applications should be sent to:**

Cre8te Opportunities, Castlebrae Business Centre, 40 Peffer Place Edinburgh EH16 4BB

**or by email** to [info@digitalskillsacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@digitalskillsacademy.org.uk)

# Street League stage 2 programme



We have a Stage 2 programme starting just now and still have a couple spaces for 18-24 year olds.

We run from Wardieburn Community Centre/Spartans Football Academy Tues-Fri 9.30-1.30pm.

If you have anyone who may be interested or any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Help us see an end to youth unemployment in the UK.

**Contact: Nick Coull, Progressions Coordinator**

**Mobile: 07814626242 Email: [nick.coull@streetleague.co.uk](mailto:nick.coull@streetleague.co.uk)**

**[www.streetleague.co.uk](http://www.streetleague.co.uk) |**

**Address: Suite 5, Harvesters Business Centre, 75 Harvesters Way, Edinburgh, EH14 3JH.**



## Get Started in Robotics with Artronix! In Partnership with the Prince's Trust

This programme is great for anyone who is interested in developing their IT skills and would like to get creative! In five days you will:

- Meet new people and try new things
- Chance to develop skills and confidence
- The chance to work with a lead training organisation, Artronix!
- Have an end of course celebration and reunion day
- The course will take place in the Prince's Trust office, Edinburgh Centre

Travel costs are provided and benefits will not be affected.

After the course you will get 3 months post course advice/guidance/key worker support to get into training, education and employment.

**Interested? Call Eve from the Prince's Trust on 07984 547996 or call 0131 553 0850 and ask to speak to a member of the Outreach Team.**





## CSCS Health and Safety Course Information

### Overview

In order for an individual to obtain their CSCS card, they have to first complete a one-day Health and Safety Course. Community Renewal run the one-day Health and Safety Courses at our office in Muirhouse. Once an individual successfully completes the one-day Health and Safety Course they then have to take the CSCS Test for Operatives. Once they have successfully completed both, they can apply for their CSCS card.

### Course Information

- The course starts at 10am and runs until approximately 4pm – lunch will be provided.
- Individuals will complete the REHIS Elementary Health and Safety Course.
- There is a 30-question multiple choice test at the end of the day, covering topics that were taught during the course.
- At the end of the day, individuals will receive the CSCS Test Revision Book
- Upon passing the test, individuals will receive their REHIS Elementary Health and Safety Certificate within approximately 5-10 working days.
- Along with their certificate individuals who paid using their ILA will also receive their code to book their CSCS Test for Operatives (as the cost of the test is included when using their ILA).

### CSCS Test for Operatives

Once the individual has passed the REHIS Elementary Health and Safety Test they can book their CSCS Test for Operatives. Once they have successfully passed the CSCS Test for Operatives they can apply for their CSCS Card.

### Referral Process

We can take referrals by email, phone or in person. The information we require is the individual's name, address, contact telephone number and ILA account number (if paying using their ILA account).

### Cost

The £200 ILA covers the cost of the REHIS Elementary Health and Safety Course, CSCS Test Revision Book and the cost of the CSCS Test for Operatives.

Please note: The only cost not covered is the £30 that the CITB charge to issue the plastic CSCS card.

We can also take individuals who are paying themselves and not using an ILA. The cost for the one-day Health and Safety Course is £120.

### Support for Individuals

Community Renewal can provide assistance with booking the CSCS Test for Operatives and revising for the test, including going through the practice tests. We can also assist with creating/updating CV's and job searching.

**Further Information: If you need any further information, please contact Oliver Scott on 0131 332 8773 or [oliver.scott@communityrenewal.org.uk](mailto:oliver.scott@communityrenewal.org.uk).**

# Are you unemployed and looking for paid work experience?



TOiL (Training Opportunities in Lothian) offers paid work placements to 16 – 24 year olds living in Edinburgh, in construction, catering, administration, gardening *and more!*

Plus sector specific training relevant to your work placement.

**For further information Tel: 0131 553 8784.**

## Rathbone



The following workshops and activities are planned over the next quarter:

- Drugs and Alcohol Workshop
- Photography Workshop
- Edinburgh Leisure Fitness / Activity Group
- Jobs Clubs
- Digital Skills Training
- Christmas Trip Bowling / Pizza

Should you have any young people who you feel may benefit from attending any of these sessions then please get in contact to discuss possible referrals.

**For further information contact [stewart.paterson@rathboneuk.org](mailto:stewart.paterson@rathboneuk.org).**

## Help young people kick-start careers with Get Into...



**Prince's Trust**

Get Into is our sector-based employability programme run in partnership with top employers and training providers across the country. Courses last between 3-6 weeks and are ideal for young people who have an interest in the sector, are job ready, can commit to a full time course and future employment opportunities.

Get Into Hotels

Ages 16 - 25

In partnership with Marriott hotels

**Call Eve on 07984 5447996.**

# CY Drop in Sessions



## Old School Cooking

Mondays 3pm – 5pm

Come along to our cooking group where you can learn basic cooking skills and meet new people. Every week we make tasty, healthy meals from scratch, what we make is decided by you and then we all come together to eat what we have made. This group runs from our Old School Café where we also have opportunities for volunteering for those who wish to do a bit more.

## SQA Girls Health & Wellbeing Group

Thursdays 11am – 12.30pm

This SQA accredited course looks at everything surrounding our physical and mental health and wellbeing. With topics ranging from Nude Selfies, Girl on Girl Hate, to Legal Highs there's a wealth of knowledge to be explored. Lunch provided!

## CY Employability Drop In

Wednesdays 3pm – 5pm

This aimed at anyone who would like some support with job applications, creating a CV, and job searching. Staff are available during this time to provide support and we have information about all the latest job and training opportunities available. This is also open to any young people and support workers who want to come along and find out more about the services we provide at CY.

## The Gate 1 – 1 Support

We also offer 1 – 1 employability and wellbeing support.

All our services are aimed at young people aged 15 – 24 years.

**For further information or to make referral contact any of the employability team on 0131 556 9389 or via email at [susie@canongateyouth.org.uk](mailto:susie@canongateyouth.org.uk).**

# WorkBites at Fresh Start

Currently accepting Referrals



For who: People aged 16 – 24 and who are at stage 2 of the pipeline.

What: Opportunity to do different taster sessions in various environments, alongside 1:1 support to help the client achieve their goals.

Taster sessions include:

- Gardening
- Cooking
- PAT testing
- Warehouse.

How: The programme is very flexible and will entail 1:1 work where a suitable plan will be created for each individual. The first few sessions will allow each person to become familiar with Fresh Start so they can decide which taster sessions they would like to do. Clients will then move onto different taster sessions where they will work alongside staff and volunteers. There will be some group work if there are enough young people attending at the same time and group work is appropriate for them.

When: We are currently accepting referrals, which means that clients can start straight away and have the flexibility to work at their own pace. Clients have up to 3 months to complete the programme.

**Next steps:** For further information or to make a referral, please contact Aga at [aga@freshstartweb.org.uk](mailto:aga@freshstartweb.org.uk) or 07835 861284.

## SmartLiving

Link to Work Drop-in Every Friday from 1pm until 3pm



A weekly drop-in at Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre, 5 Moredunvale Place, EH17 7LB offering help and guidance for people aged 16-25 who require assistance in the following areas:

- Creating email addresses and Basic IT skills
- Job search assistance, including Universal Jobmatch
- How to build a CV, write a cover letter and plan a phone call
- Completing application forms
- Advice on volunteer and course opportunities.

Please call or text Calum Gauld on 07921 693389 or email [calum.gauld@linkliving.org.uk](mailto:calum.gauld@linkliving.org.uk).

## SmartLiving – Step On Employability Support unique to You



SmartLiving offer people aged between 16-24 years living in temporary accommodation, one-to-one support to build confidence and self-belief. The project provides opportunities to develop new skills that will support you on your journey towards employment.

We know the importance of developing an experience that is right for you. We will work with you to identify the best options to meet your needs. Dependent on your needs, this can include:

- The opportunity to work with an employability worker focused only on your needs
- Increased confidence, personal development and self-awareness
- Personality Profiling – What kind of person are you? What areas best suit my skills?
- How to build a CV, write a cover letter and plan a phone call
- Enhance interview skills and knowledge
- Supported job search assistance, including Universal Jobmatch
- Further education options, including college or continued voluntary options.
- SQA Accredited Courses or a course suited to your needs
- Childcare and Travel expenses reimbursed.

Please contact Calum Gauld on 01324 873749 / 07921 693389 or email [calum.gauld@linkliving.org.uk](mailto:calum.gauld@linkliving.org.uk).

## Street Soccer Scotland Drop - In Sessions



If you like football, are 16+ and looking for something to fill your time, why not join us in a Street Soccer Drop – In Session near you ...

Meadowbank 2-4pm Mondays

Leith Community Centre 130-3pm Tuesdays

Portobello Powerleague 1-3pm Wednesdays

Crags Sports Centre 11-1230pm Thursdays (new attendees)

For further information, please call 0131 554 9157. [www.streetsoccerscotland.org](http://www.streetsoccerscotland.org).

## Move On Currently accepting new referrals for our Mentor Service!



This service aims to match young people aged 14-19 with one of our trained Volunteer Mentors typically for 1-2 hours per week. During these meetings, the Mentor will support the young person to take up a variety of opportunities relevant to the mentee's aims, and will offer support by identifying and taking part in activities with them. A mentoring relationship can offer young people a safe space to be heard, supported and challenged for up to 18 months. In the past, mentees have used the mentoring service to help with completing application forms, interview skills, gaining confidence for self-travel, tackling isolation issues and identified and engaged with positive activities to distract from negative behaviour such as truanting and offending.

For further information please contact Stephen Wilson at [stephen@moveon.org.uk](mailto:stephen@moveon.org.uk) /0131 558 3740.

# Positive Realities



Positive Realities is a voluntary organisation which offers a range of services to young people living in Edinburgh aged 12-25 years who are experiencing challenges as they make the transition into adulthood.

We are currently offering free confidence and self-esteem building workshops that can be delivered to groups of young people. These workshops are interactive, interesting and fun and last between 60-140 minutes (but times can be adapted to suit your organisation) to help young people feel more positive about their future. The workshops cover topics such as Confidence and Self-Esteem, Relationships, Understanding Emotions, Identity, and Goal Settings. A minimum of eight participants are required to deliver a workshop, and workshops can be delivered as a one of session or as a course.

If you would like more information on the workshops or if you're interested in us running a workshop for your young people, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please contact Jax Gillon, Development Assistant at [jaxpositiverealities@gmail.com](mailto:jaxpositiverealities@gmail.com).

## Thursday night Social Hub

This is a fortnightly social club for young people aged 14-24 who may find socialising difficult, would like to make some friends, try new activities and learn about relationship skills, building confidence and be part of something. There is also an element of self-development involving setting coaching-based goals. We meet at Dance Base in the Grassmarket, 6-8pm.

## My Sunday Space

The *group* that meets fortnightly is for those between 16-25 to reflect on and improve their emotional wellbeing through discussion and learning around things like understanding emotions, finding balance in life, coping with difficult situations...and is also a safe space to speak about and share other issues. We meet at LifesCycle on Newhaven Road, 2-4pm.

We also have volunteer opportunities for those who are 16-30. This would involve assistance with group facilitation, possibly leading sessions with individuals to discuss their progress with goals and spreading the word about these, hopefully, beneficial groups. There would be induction for this role, of course, and may benefit those looking to work with young people and the voluntary sector in the future."

For further information contact Rowan Bell 0131 629 4800 [rowan@positiverealities.org](mailto:rowan@positiverealities.org).

# Great Feats

## Edinburgh Dance Base National Centre for Dance



Great Feats is a group for young people aged between 16 and 25 who are currently not in full time employment, education or training. The group meet twice a week, on a Tuesday and Friday between 11.30 and 15.00 at Dance Base on the Grassmarket.

Each day is split into three parts:

- A morning workshop
- a healthy lunch
- an afternoon workshop.

The workshops are an opportunity to try out all kinds of dance, including Hip hop, House, Aerial, Contemporary and Parkour, to name but a few. No previous dance experience is required; everyone is encouraged to give everything a try.

In addition to great dance tuition, we run workshops that deal with issues such as emotional wellbeing and sexual health; sessions that help the young people make informed choices around substance use and misuse, and develop an awareness of the impact of high-risk behaviours.

We run trips every term to see shows in Edinburgh, such as *The Lion King* or works presented by the Festival Theatre. The group also gets a chance to perform themselves, previously at the Meadows Festival and this year – by special invitation at the Luminare Festival.

We have been to Ratho this term to give the group a chance to get involved in some teamwork outside of the dance studio, to help promote positive relationships.

Does it work? The Community Dance Artist and Youth Worker work closely with the young people to establish goals and help them to raise their aspirations. We've seen improved levels of self-confidence and self-esteem. Last term's group members were successful in gaining both employment and college places. Some are now studying full-time in areas such as childcare, hairdressing, fitness and dance and showing huge improvement in their social and emotional wellbeing.

What will this cost me? There is no cost attached to membership of this group, and we can provide bus tickets for young people who would otherwise struggle to get into the Grassmarket.

For more information or a referral form, please contact: Email: [Heather@dancebase.co.uk](mailto:Heather@dancebase.co.uk) (Youth Worker)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/GreatFeats](https://facebook.com/GreatFeats)/Web: [Dancebase.co.uk/GreatFeats](http://Dancebase.co.uk/GreatFeats).

## PT4Y (positive transitions for youth)



The group meets every Wednesday at Pilton Youth and Children's Project, starting at roughly 11am (the sessions will be 3-4 hours long). Sessions include: customer service, drug and alcohol awareness, climbing, goal setting, positive realities, healthy eating, graffiti art, gorge walking, and the chance to choose an activity.

All sessions will focus on transferable work skills; this can be coupled with individual one-to-one support focusing on employability development - progressing YP towards positive destinations.

For more info please get in touch with Vikki Young - [vikki@pycp.co.uk](mailto:vikki@pycp.co.uk), 0131 332 9815.

# Right Track



## Launchpad Project

Launchpad is a Stage 1 Project offered by Right Track.

### Who will it support?

Young people aged 16 years plus, with additional support needs that are not yet ready to participate in Employability Fund Stage 2 or other Stage 2 provision.

### What will it offer?

Up to 15 hours a week flexible “engagement activity”

Up to 8 weeks’ participation (weeks 1-3 Engagement and Participation, weeks 4-8 Action Planning).

### Project Aim?

To identify, engage and build relationships with young people in their communities who are not engaged in Training, Education or Employment.

To encourage participation in a variety of learning activities based on “trying something new”, meeting new people and embracing new situations.

To introduce understanding of “team” and “personal goals”

To start to identify personal strengths and weaknesses

To celebrate personal achievement

To agree personal goals.

### What will be offered?

Outdoor challenges

Community Challenges

Sports activities

Adventurous Eating Experiences

Music Mixing

IT and Digital Photography Projects

Support to “try something new”

Activity-based Learning.

### What are the targeted Outcomes?

Increased confidence, motivation and self-esteem

Increased willingness to participate

Improved communication and interpersonal skills

Enhanced understanding and recognition of personal goals

Engagement with specialist support agencies as necessary

Achievement of Participation Targets

Achievement of an SQA Personal Achievement Award

Completion of a Personal Action Plan.

### How will Right Track support the achievement of Launchpad Goals?

Street-based and Community Outreach

Home visits

One to one support

Motivational Support

Individual Counselling



Involvement of specialist community-based partners.

**What supports will be provided to Participants?**

Participation Allowance of £30 per 3-day week

Lunch provided each day

Travel Expenses.

**Contact No. 0131 557 8584, Email address [chloem@rtscot.co.uk](mailto:chloem@rtscot.co.uk) or [ingrids@rtscot.co.uk](mailto:ingrids@rtscot.co.uk)  
Pilmey Youth Centre, 44 Buchanan St, Edinburgh, EH6 8RF, [www.rtscot.org](http://www.rtscot.org).**

# **Turn2Us Funding Opportunity**

**Turn2Us** has been providing financial support to residents in Edinburgh for the past six years through the Edinburgh Trust. Until now the Trust has focused on providing financial support to people needing some short term help for themselves and their families.

Now, with the launch of our Edinburgh Trust Community Programme, funding is available to support new and innovative community projects that can provide more lasting and longer term positive impact to help improve lives, reduce poverty and get the best out of the people and resources in our communities

<http://www.evoc.org.uk/updates/edinburgh-trust-community-programme/>

# Employment Opportunities

*The Edinburgh Guarantee exists to make sure that every school leaver in Edinburgh will leave school with the choice of a job, Further Education or training opportunity. Young people should register on the website, create a Member Profile, sign up for job alerts and apply for jobs online.*

*Latest opportunities are available at [www.edinburghguarantee.org](http://www.edinburghguarantee.org).*

