

# Edinburgh Guarantee Opportunities Bulletin

Wednesday 22 July 2026



The Edinburgh Guarantee helps people of all ages and backgrounds to easily access and progress in fair work, training or further education. Each week we will be highlighting the vacancies currently available on our Opportunities and Jobs Boards:

- Visit the [Opportunities Board](#) to see the latest vacancies for young people.
- Visit the [Jobs Board for all ages](#) to see the latest vacancies for all job seekers.
- The bulletin also includes information on programmes, courses and training available to people who are not in education, employment or training. If you are interested in any of these, please use the contact details provided for each opportunity.

You can also visit the [Edinburgh Guarantee website](#) to see a range of support available to people of all ages who need assistance around employment.

The bulletin is separated into the following categories:

- ✓ List of Current Vacancies (**new opportunities shown in bold**)
- ✓ Jobs for All Ages
- ✓ Modern Apprenticeships
- ✓ Graduate Apprenticeships
- ✓ Professional Qualifications
- ✓ Programmes, Courses and Training
- ✓ Useful Links

Contact the Edinburgh Guarantee team:



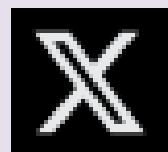
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# List of Current Vacancies

## Jobs for All Ages:

- ✓ **Care Worker – Meloosha Homecare**
- ✓ **Mental Health Support Worker – The Junction**
- ✓ **Community Development and Support Worker - U-Evolve**
- ✓ **Chef de Partie – The University of Edinburgh**
- ✓ **Commis Chef – Pollock Halls – The University of Edinburgh**
- ✓ **Commis Chef – Edinburgh Futures Institute – The University of Edinburgh**
- ✓ **Barista/Café Assistant – 2 posts – The University of Edinburgh**
- ✓ **Catering and Events Operations Team Leader – The University of Edinburgh**
- ✓ **Out of Hours Response Officer – The University of Edinburgh**
- ✓ **Sous Chef – The University of Edinburgh**
- ✓ **Hotel Housekeeper – 2 posts – The University of Edinburgh**
- ✓ **Stores Assistant/Delivery Driver – Building Finishing Services UK Ltd**
- ✓ **Receptionist – various posts – Flying Scot Parking (Edinburgh)**
- ✓ **PCV Coach Driver – various posts – Flying Scot Parking (Edinburgh)**
- ✓ **Events Customer Care Steward – Royal Highland Centre – G4S**
- ✓ **Events SIA Security Officer – Royal Highland Centre – G4S**
- ✓ **Live Entertainment and Sports Events Safety Steward – G4S**
- ✓ **Live Entertainment and Sports Events SIA Security Officer - G4S**
- ✓ **Care Professional – Home Instead**
- ✓ **Trainee Bus Driver – Lothian Buses**
- ✓ **Personal Assistant - Enable**

## Modern Apprenticeships:

- ✓ **Parking Attendant – Modern Apprenticeship – NSL/Marston Holdings**
- ✓ **Childcare - Modern Apprenticeship - PA Training**
- ✓ **Early Learning and Childcare - Modern Apprenticeships - Carousel Training Centre**

## Programmes, Courses and Training:

- ✓ **Independent Living Skills Workshops - LinkLiving**
- ✓ **Get Into Stewarding with G4S – The King's Trust**
- ✓ **Pause, Think, Grow Programme - LinkLiving**
- ✓ **Street Soccer Scotland**
- ✓ **Advance – Enable, Forth Sector and the Action Group**
- ✓ **Ruby Boots Project – Forces Children Scotland**
- ✓ **Foundations for Change – Apex Scotland**
- ✓ **Strides – Apex Scotland**
- ✓ **PHEW (People's Health & Emotional Wellbeing – Space@Broomhouse Hub**
- ✓ **CashBack Hubs – Impact Arts**
- ✓ **Vocational & Employability Training Offer - Rural & Urban Training Scheme (RUTS)**
- ✓ **All Services for Ethnic Minorities - LINKnet Mentoring**
- ✓ **See Potential – Venture Trust**
- ✓ **The Journey Programme – Venture Scotland**

# Jobs for All Ages

## CARE WORKER

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £13.45 per hour  
**Employer:** Meloosha Homecare  
**Closing Date:** This position will close when a suitable candidate is found



Meloosha Homecare supports people to remain in the comfort, security, and familiarity of their own homes. Their carers help clients maintain their independence, dignity, and quality of life, providing support that enables them to continue living life on their terms.

You will support individuals who choose to remain in the comfort and security of their own homes and to help them live as independent and active lives as possible by supporting them. Shifts are available between 7:00am and 10:00pm, operating on a flexible rota basis across 5 days from 7, including weekends.

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## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT WORKER

**Contract:** Fixed Term – 12 months  
**Salary:** £27,925 - £30,975 per annum  
**Employer:** The Junction  
**Closing Date:** 12pm on Monday 10 August



Funded by City of Edinburgh Council, this is a new project being delivered in partnership with U-Evolve and The Junction, two well-established youth mental health charities with a combined 30 years' experience of supporting young people in Edinburgh. The service is being developed to specifically meet the mental health and wellbeing needs of Ukrainian people aged 12 - 21 living in Edinburgh. U-Evolve and The Junction are delighted to be working together to develop this much needed service.

Working as part of a multidisciplinary team, you will provide direct mental health and wellbeing support to Ukrainian young people through one-to-one and group interventions, helping them develop resilience, confidence and positive coping strategies. You will build trusted relationships with young people, deliver evidence-informed interventions and contribute to a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where young people feel heard, supported and empowered.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT WORKER

**Contract:** Fixed Term – 12 months  
**Salary:** £29,500 - £32,000 per annum  
**Employer:** U-Evolve  
**Closing Date:** 12pm on Monday 10 August



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This exciting new role will lead on building relationships with Ukrainian communities, partner organisations and local services across Edinburgh to ensure the programme reaches those who need it most. Working alongside the Mental Health Support Worker and colleagues from both U-Evolve and The Junction, you will engage with young people, families and community organisations, helping to co-design activities and develop a programme that reflects the needs, strengths and aspirations of Ukrainian young people.

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## CHEF DE PARTIE

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £24,729 - £25,804 per annum plus 15% premium band for flexible working  
**Employer:** The University of Edinburgh  
**Closing Date:** Tuesday 28 July



Accommodation, Catering and Events (ACE) provides catered and self-catered residential accommodation for over 10,000 students, including community and welfare support through its Residence Life service. We also operate 17 cafes and a range of other catering products to students and staff across the University estate. Under our commercial brand, the University of Edinburgh Hospitality and Events Collection, we deliver hotel accommodation options to around 200,000 guests each year plus an extensive selection of conference, catering and event services to over 2,000 events.

An opportunity has arisen for a Chef de Partie to join the Catering Department based at our largest catering unit, the John McIntyre Conference Centre (JMCC) located within Pollock Halls. The Conference Centre is a 650-seater buffet restaurant that provides approximately 28,000 meals each week during our student period and also provides breakfast, lunch and dinner to our commercial guests year-round.

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## COMMIS CHEF – POLLOCK HALLS

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £24,547 per annum plus 15% premium band for flexible working  
**Employer:** The University of Edinburgh  
**Closing Date:** Tuesday 28 July



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An opportunity has arisen for a Commis chef to join the Conference & Events Catering Department, based at Pollock Halls in the South Hall Kitchen. We cater for everything from small meetings and private dinners to large, high-profile conferences. We also run an extensive Outside and Delivered Hospitality service, supplying food to over 180 University buildings as well as private and corporate venues across the city.

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## COMMIS CHEF – EDINBURGH FUTURES INSTITUTE

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £24,547 per annum plus 5% premium band for flexible working  
**Employer:** The University of Edinburgh  
**Closing Date:** Monday 27 July



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We are looking for a Commis Chef to be part of our team at Canopy Kitchen & Courtyard, based at the iconic Edinburgh Futures Institute, in the heart of the Meadows. Canopy provides a busy Grab & Go style café service, where all the products are made fresh daily in house. You will assist in the preparation and service of food in the restaurant, café and delivered hospitality side of the business.

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## BARISTA/CAFÉ ASSISTANT – 2 POSTS

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £24,547 per annum plus 5% premium band for flexible working  
**Employer:** The University of Edinburgh  
**Closing Date:** Monday 27 July



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Based in the Library Café on our central campus, you will be responsible for delivering excellent customer service and fantastic food and drinks to our wide range of customers. Over term time the café is open 7 days a week, and open in the evening throughout the week, so flexibility to work varied shifts is essential.

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## CATERING AND EVENTS OPERATIONS TEAM LEADER

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £26,093 - £28,778 per annum plus 15% premium band for flexible working  
**Employer:** The University of Edinburgh  
**Closing Date:** Friday 24 July



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Based at Pollock Halls, this is a vital role within the wider catering team, with significant responsibility to deliver successful events and ensure our long-term success and sustainability. You will hold a pivotal role in developing the highest possible levels of service and customer engagement. Working hours are 35 hours per week, 5 over 7 days including weekends.

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## OUT OF HOURS RESPONSE OFFICER

**Contract:** Permanent / Part time  
**Salary:** £24,729 to £25,804 per annum plus 30% premium band for flexible working  
**Employer:** The University of Edinburgh  
**Closing Date:** Friday 24 July



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As an Out of Hours Response Officer, you will be at the centre of operations overnight, responding to incidents, supporting residents and maintaining a safe, inclusive and well managed environment. This includes welfare concerns, fire alarm activations, security issues and urgent maintenance matters, often as the first point of contact. Working hours are 23.5 hours per week, 4 on/4 off night shift 7pm - 2am (and can be adjusted to suit business needs).

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## SOUS CHEF

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £29,588 - £33,951 per annum plus 15% premium band for flexible working  
**Employer:** The University of Edinburgh  
**Closing Date:** Friday 24 July



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We have an exciting opportunity to join the brigade at The Scholar Hotel, part of the University of Edinburgh's hotel collection. We are looking for a highly motivated, talented Sous Chef looking for a new challenge to help implement an exciting casual-fine dining concept at Abacus. They will play a crucial role in the efficient operation of the kitchen, dealing with the freshest foraged Scottish produce for a seasonal and sustainable menu.

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## HOTEL HOUSEKEEPER – 2 POSTS

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £24,547 per annum plus 5% premium band for flexible working  
**Employer:** The University of Edinburgh  
**Closing Date:** Thursday 23 July



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In this role you will be working as part of our hotel housekeeping team and will ensure all guest bedrooms; public areas are cleaned on a daily basis. You will be either based at The Scholar Hotel; The Scott or KM Hotel & Apartments and service our bedrooms with an eye for detail and to our high standards.

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## STORES ASSISTANT/DELIVERY DRIVER

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £27,976 per annum  
**Employer:** Building Finishing Services UK Ltd  
**Closing Date:** Wednesday 29 July



Building Finishing Services UK Ltd (BFS) is a multi-disciplinary property maintenance and building services provider working extensively across Edinburgh and the surrounding areas, delivering repairs, maintenance, voids, and specialist finishing works for clients including the City of Edinburgh Council. The company focuses on quality, compliance, and efficient service delivery, supported by structured internal processes, trained operatives, and a modern fleet.

This role supports the smooth running of daily operations and includes preparing and issuing materials for jobs, receiving, and checking deliveries, keeping the stores clean, safe, and compliant, and carrying out scheduled deliveries and collections. Based at Bankhead Avenue, you will work 40 hours per week on a shift basis.

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## RECEPTIONIST – VARIOUS POSTS

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £14.25 per hour  
**Employer:** Flying Scot Parking (Edinburgh)  
**Closing Date:** Sunday 2 August



Flying Scot Parking (Edinburgh) operates two car parks in the Newbridge area of Edinburgh servicing Edinburgh International Airport. We operate 24 hours a day seven days a week and our customers park with us for the duration of their vacation and are transported to and from the airport using our dedicated shuttle service. We operate a mixture of self-parking and block parking where we will park a customer's car in a pre-determined space.

Based at Newbridge, you will work as part of a close team, providing excellent customer service. Training on use of IT systems and procedures will be provided. We offer a variety of shifts and weekend work. Immediate starts available.

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## PCV COACH DRIVER – VARIOUS POSTS

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £15.00 per hour  
**Employer:** Flying Scot Parking (Edinburgh)  
**Closing Date:** Sunday 2 August



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Based at Newbridge, you will work as part of a close team, providing excellent customer service and an efficient parking and shuttle bus service. CPC training will be provided if you already hold this qualification but it has expired. We offer a variety of shifts and weekend work. Immediate starts available.

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## EVENTS CUSTOMER CARE STEWARD – ROYAL HIGHLAND CENTRE

**Contract:** Flexible  
**Salary:** £13.45 per hour  
**Employer:** G4S  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing recruitment



G4S is part of Allied Universal®, a leading security and facility services company that provides proactive security services and cutting-edge smart technology to deliver tailored, integrated security solutions that allow clients to focus on their core business. Our global workforce of more than 760,000 people provides integrated security services that combine security personnel, technology, and a variety of professional services.

We are recruiting Customer Care Stewards to support our current Events Team working at Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh. If you hold are confident, professional, eager to engage with customers, and ready to work in a fast-paced environment, we want to hear from you.

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## EVENTS SIA SECURITY OFFICER – ROYAL HIGHLAND CENTRE

**Contract:** Flexible  
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**Employer:** G4S  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing recruitment



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We are recruiting SIA Security Officers to support our current Events Team working at Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh. If you hold a valid SIA Door Supervisor Licence, are confident, professional, eager to engage with customers, and ready to work in a fast-paced environment, we want to hear from you.

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## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS EVENTS SAFETY STEWARD

**Contract:** Flexible  
**Salary:** £13.45 per hour  
**Employer:** G4S  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing recruitment



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We are recruiting Safety Stewards to support our current Events Team working at Scottish Gas Murrayfield Stadium, Hive Stadium, Edinburgh Corn Exchange and Royal Highland Centre. If you are confident, professional, eager to engage with customers, and ready to work in a fast-paced environment, we want to hear from you.

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## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS EVENTS SIA SECURITY OFFICER

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## CARE PROFESSIONAL

**Contract:** Permanent / Part time  
**Salary:** £14-£15 per hour  
**Employer:** Home Instead  
**Closing Date:** Saturday 1 August



Home Instead is the world's leading provider of care and companionship services, which help our clients remain independent in their own homes. We are committed to changing the face of ageing by delivering quality care to our clients.

We are looking to grow our team of Care Professionals. We have a variety of hours and different contracts available. You do not need experience to become a Care Professional, just a caring and compassionate outlook. Full training will be provided. The role is subject to references and a PVG Disclosure Scotland check.

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## TRAINEE BUS DRIVER

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £32,792 per annum (after training)  
**Employer:** Lothian Buses  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing recruitment



Lothian is the UK's largest municipal bus company and proudly owned by the City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian and West Lothian Councils. Lothian connects the region with over 70 services and more than 700 buses which run day and night throughout the year. Our easy-access fleet is among the most modern and environmentally friendly in the UK and now includes the city's first zero-emission electric buses.

As a Trainee Bus Driver, you'll ensure our passengers enjoy safe, reliable, and friendly journeys every day. Whether you're helping commuters get to work, or families explore the city, you'll play a vital role in keeping Edinburgh moving. Annual paid training to help maintain your driver qualification.

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## PERSONAL ASSISTANT

**Contract:** Permanent/Sessional  
**Salary:** £13.45 per hour  
**Employer:** Enable  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing recruitment



Enable is a modern, vibrant charity which strives to deliver an equal society for every citizen. We believe in equal rights for everyone through self-directed social care, employment, training, and empowering communities.

We have various full time and part time opportunities in Edinburgh and the Lothians to support people with additional support needs to live independently in their own homes and to achieve their goals and outcomes. We provide an extensive learning programme together with in-house career development opportunities.

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# Modern Apprenticeships

## PARKING ATTENDANT - MODERN APPRENTICESHIP - 3 POSTS

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £27,726 per annum  
**Employer:** NSL/Marston Holdings  
**Closing Date:** Friday 31 July



At NSL, part of Marston Holdings Ltd, we are not just the “parking people”; we are so much more than that. Our team of highly trained frontline colleagues and back-office support team members provide outsourced business services to the public and private sectors. These include comprehensive parking and street management solutions that contribute to creating a great place to work and live.

This is a great opportunity to achieve a recognised qualification, while working with a trusted employer supporting you to develop your skills and knowledge. You will gain valuable work experience, confidence dealing with customers and work towards SCQF Level 6 Diploma in Customer Service. If you enjoy being outdoors and have great communication skills, we would love to hear from you.

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## CHILDCARE - MODERN APPRENTICESHIP

**Contract:** Full time  
**Salary:** National Apprenticeship Wage or above  
**Employer:** PA Training  
**Closing Date:** We have ongoing recruitment throughout the year



PA Training is an SQA approved centre specialising in SVQs in the care sector. We recruit on behalf of various private nurseries in Edinburgh, Midlothian and East Lothian.

You will work full time work in a private nursery looking after children aged 0 - 5 years. The role will involve planning stimulating activities suitable for children's development and meeting the physical, emotional and developmental needs of individual children. You will work towards SVQ Level 3/SCQF Level 7 Social Services (Children and Young People).

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## EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE - MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** National Apprenticeship Wage  
**Employer:** Carousel Training Centre  
**Closing Date:** We recruit all year round



Carousel Training Centre is a Scottish Qualifications Authority approved centre which provides quality training to the Early Years sector. We do this by providing nurseries with Modern Apprentices who we then train to a standard of excellence in this very specialised area. We are an equal opportunities employer and training provider.

You will be employed full-time in a private nursery and we have a number of vacancies available across Edinburgh, Midlothian and East Lothian. You will be involved in helping children with their learning, development and growth in a stimulating environment. You will undertake SVQ Social Services (Children & Young People) at SCQF Level 7.

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# Programmes, Courses and Training

## INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS WORKSHOPS - LINKLIVING

Interactive workshops which give young people the opportunity to learn practical tips and techniques to enable them to feel better prepared to move into their own home and live more independently. The workshops cover the following: budgeting and finance, cleaning and paying your bills, understanding rights and responsibilities within a tenancy, home safety and security, cooking, planning for the future (employability), community and being a good neighbour.



We aim to make these workshops as accessible as possible, offering various engagement options:

### 1. Join an in-person Group:

Location: St Margaret's House office near Meadowbank, Edinburgh.

Schedule: The group begins on Thursday 6 August, running weekly from 1pm - 3 pm for 7 weeks.

### 2. 1-1 Workshops:

For those unable to attend a group setting.

Note: There may be a longer waitlist for this service.

### 3. Community Outreach:

Tailored workshops for pre-existing groups of 16–25-year-olds.

Options: We can come to your location or host a bespoke group at our offices.

To make a referral, kindly complete the online form below. Please specify how the young person wishes to engage and any support needs they have.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d-71QQ-NDkKy-8ZENIxaSDamrTLevCBPrCAJCD3bUb5UM0o3MEEyMTk5RzQzOFc0TkIwMINTVERZSiQIQCN0PWcu>

**Qualifications gained:** Gain skills that you need to feel confident living independently. Workshops are not accredited

**Client group:** 16 - 25 years

**What is provided:** Group workshops / one-to-one course

**Start date:** Thursday 6 August

**Duration:** 7 weeks

**Times and days:** 1pm - 3 pm weekly on a Thursday

**Location:** St Margaret's House, 151 London Road, EH7 6AE

**For more information:** Email/telephone no: [agnes.wall@linkliving.org.uk](mailto:agnes.wall@linkliving.org.uk) / 07354 164453

Web: <https://www.linkliving.org.uk/>

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## GET INTO STEWARDING WITH G4S – THE KING’S TRUST

Everyone starts somewhere. Get the skills, experience and opportunities to help you land a job in Stewarding. This is a week-long programme with an emphasis on what working for G4S would look like. If clients are successful in their interview, we could expect them to be working at Murrayfield Stadium for the autumn rugby. There are also opportunities to book yourself onto shifts before this. G4S will provide a flexible working pattern which allows you to book shifts when it suits you. This could be a good opportunity for young people who are not ready for full time work or have other commitments which could make this style of working an ideal choice.



The eligibility requirements are:

- 18 - 30 years old
- Not in full-time education (12 hours) or employment (16 hours)
- Must be comfortable working with crowds
- Does not already hold an SIA licence
- Happy to have a 5 year background check - criminal convictions may not allow them to pass PVG check, additionally this background check will be difficult for those recently arrived to the UK as they may need someone in their home country to confirm their location
- Have at least an intermediate level of English.

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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | Gain insight into the world of stewarding and further training opportunities within G4S                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | 18 – 30 years old                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employability skills and interview prep</li><li>• Guaranteed interview with G4S to gain work opportunities at Murrayfield Stadium</li><li>• Strengthen teamwork and communication skills</li><li>• Lunch and travel costs covered.</li></ul> |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | 24 August                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | One week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | Taster day: 18 August<br>Course dates: 24 - 31 August<br>Register interest by 6 August at <a href="mailto:CentralSouthEastScotlandOperations@kingstrust.org.uk">CentralSouthEastScotlandOperations@kingstrust.org.uk</a>                                                             |
| <b>Location:</b>              | Edinburgh EH4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>For more information:</b>  | Email/telephone no: <a href="mailto:CentralSouthEastScotlandOperations@kingstrust.org.uk">CentralSouthEastScotlandOperations@kingstrust.org.uk</a>                                                                                                                                   |

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## PAUSE, THINK, GROW PROGRAMME - LINKLIVING



We are delighted to announce a new programme from Link Academy called Pause, Think, Grow, which will be launching in September 2026.

Pause, Think, Grow is an early intervention programme for young people aged 11–13 who are experiencing difficulties with behaviour, emotional regulation, or relationships, and who may be at risk of exclusion, disengagement, or involvement in offending behaviour. The programme runs in small groups two days a week at the Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre, with additional one-to-one support and peer-led sessions delivered by trained volunteers.

The programme helps young people build confidence, develop tools to manage their emotions, and strengthen relationships at home and at school, while supporting them to make more positive choices for their future. During the programme, young people will take part in group sessions where they can develop practical emotional regulation and decision-making skills, explore how behaviour can affect themselves, their families and their communities, and build positive connections locally. They will also have the opportunity to join peer-led workshops with people who have lived experience of the justice system and access one-to-one support when needed.

To make a referral, please complete the online form: [Link Academy Referral Form](#)

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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | Gain skills to help build on confidence and resilience. Workshops are not accredited                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | 11 - 13 years                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | Group workshops / one-to-one course                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | September 2026                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | 10 weeks                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | 10am – 1 pm Monday & Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Location:</b>              | Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre, 5 Moredunvale Place, Edinburgh, EH17 7LB                                                                                                                               |
| <b>For more information:</b>  | Email/telephone no: <a href="mailto:lareception@linkgroup.org.uk">lareception@linkgroup.org.uk</a> / 01324 466 860<br>Web: <a href="https://www.linkliving.org.uk/">https://www.linkliving.org.uk/</a> |

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## STREET SOCCER SCOTLAND

Street Soccer provide free and inclusive adult football drop-in sessions that are mixed and open to all abilities with many players having experience of poor mental health, isolation, trauma, homelessness, refugees and asylum seekers. Players can also access regular events and other activities and access to volunteering, employability support, qualifications and other opportunities.



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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | SCQF and other qualifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | Open to adults over 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | Free football sessions, mental health support, group work, one to one support, work placements, SCQF and other qualifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | Monday & Wednesday: 12:30 - 3pm, Portobello Powerleague, EH15 1DR<br>Thursday: 11:30am - 2pm, Sighthill Powerleague, EH11 4EQ<br>Thursday: 12:00 - 2pm, Leith Community Centre, EH6 6AD<br>Thursday: Street45 (Women's Only) 10:45am – 12:00, Leith Community Centre, EH6 6AD<br>Friday: Various sessions, contact Robbie for details<br>ASN sessions: contact Robbie for details |
| <b>Location:</b>              | Portobello, Sighthill, Leith                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>For more information:</b>  | Email/telephone no: <a href="mailto:robbie@streetsoccerscotland.org">robbie@streetsoccerscotland.org</a> / 07480 979919<br>Web: <a href="http://www.streetsoccerscotland.org">www.streetsoccerscotland.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                    |

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## ADVANCE – ENABLE, FORTH SECTOR AND THE ACTION GROUP

Advance is a partnership between Enable, Forth Sector, and The Action Group, focusing on supporting people who are already in employment.



We work with individuals who are:

- looking to progress in their current role or move to a new one
- hoping to make changes at work, such as adjusting hours or requesting reasonable adjustments
- experiencing challenges at work that are affecting their wellbeing.

We help people explore what they really want and need from a role, prepare their CV and interviews, and, where appropriate, engage with their employer to find the right solutions.

The only eligibility criteria are that they live in Edinburgh and are currently employed.

We're open to referrals and happy to discuss any individual cases if you're unsure whether someone would be eligible.

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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | Employed                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | Tailored training (including LinkedIn training, resilience, customer service and introduction to leadership). Other training courses are available if a need is identified.         |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | No time limit                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | As required                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Location:</b>              | Engagement is within the community, at local libraries, coffee shops and community hubs. Private meeting spaces are available at our office on Rose Street.                         |
| <b>For more information:</b>  | Email/telephone no: <a href="mailto:info@edin-advance.co.uk">info@edin-advance.co.uk</a><br>Web: <a href="http://www.enable.org.uk/enable-works">www.enable.org.uk/enable-works</a> |

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## RUBY BOOTS PROJECT - FORCES CHILDREN SCOTLAND

When a serviceperson leaves the Armed Forces, it is a big change, affecting the whole family. This is where Ruby Boots comes in. The project is co-produced by young people themselves, aiming to deliver peer support to children and young people whose parent/carer is leaving the Armed Forces. We run peer support groups across Edinburgh and Fife, encouraging a sense of community, positive wellbeing, as well as having fun activities and maybe even some Capri-suns! We train up Buddies as volunteers (Veterans' children) to use their first-hand experience to help their peers (children whose parent is soon leaving/just left). The groups run for 6 sessions, with opportunity to extend and/or participate in other events and projects with Forces Children Scotland.



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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | Opportunity to gain the Saltire Award                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | 5-18 year olds in Veteran/soon-to-be-leaving Armed Forces families                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | Socio-emotional learning on friendships and community building, psycho-education around wellbeing, interesting discussions, co-producing various resources such as infographics and storybooks, and more!                                 |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | This is a rolling programme, and you can refer to us at any time using the email address below.                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | Flexible                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | Flexible                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Location:</b>              | Various locations around Edinburgh and Fife – we will match locations with individuals.                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>For more information:</b>  | Email/telephone no: <a href="mailto:rubyboots@forceschildrenscotland.org.uk">rubyboots@forceschildrenscotland.org.uk</a> / 07587 024841<br>Web: <a href="https://forceschildrenscotland.org.uk">https://forceschildrenscotland.org.uk</a> |

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## FOUNDATIONS FOR CHANGE – APEX SCOTLAND

Foundations for Change is a transformative new service from Apex Scotland, designed to empower individuals to move beyond their past towards a brighter future. Rooted in respect, belief, and strong support, the programme helps participants build autonomy, expand their window of tolerance, and develop the trust needed to thrive. Through a person-centred approach, we create opportunities for growth, resilience, and improved wellbeing, ensuring that everyone has the chance to redefine their future on their own terms.



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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | Over 16s and involved in the Criminal Justice System                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | Time to chat, signposting for any kind of need (housing, drug & alcohol, access to GP, financial support etc), introducing structure and connecting to the community, action planning and advocacy.             |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | This is a rolling programme and you can refer into us at any time from 1 April 2025. Please refer using email/number below or the website form.                                                                 |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | Flexible                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | Flexible                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Location:</b>              | Community outreach, we are open to meeting where the referral prefers                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>For more information:</b>  | Email/telephone no: <a href="mailto:hello@apexscotland.org.uk">hello@apexscotland.org.uk</a> 0131 220 0130<br>Web: <a href="#">Urgent help</a>   <a href="#">Zero Judgement</a>   <a href="#">Apex Scotland</a> |

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## STRIDES - APEX SCOTLAND

Employability programme exclusively for over 16+'s with convictions. Can support referrals through any stage of pipeline including in-work support.



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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | CSCS Green Card, SIA Security<br>In house: SQA Employability Award, First Aid, PAT Testing, Food Safety in Catering, Fire Warden, Health and Safety in the Workplace, COSHH, Safeguarding, Manual Handling principles<br>All courses are at SQA level 4, 5 and 6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | Over 16s<br>Must have a conviction/s<br>Any conviction eligible regardless of how long has passed/nature<br>Can be unemployed or employed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | Trauma informed 1-1 meetings with allocated practitioner to support individual build on their employability skills. This may be CV building, interview practice and confidence building.<br><br>We also offer bespoke disclosure advice/training based on the individual's own criminal record.<br><br>Allocated budget to support individuals access training such as CSCS construction health and safety green cards, SIA Licences. May also be able to help individuals obtain an ID for training/employment purposes on case-by-case basis. |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | This is a rolling programme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | Not set, can offer in-work support once individual secures employment/ volunteering.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | Flexible, usually once a week for however long individual needs.<br>We are open Monday – Friday 9am - 5pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Location:</b>              | City of Edinburgh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>For more information:</b>  | Email/telephone no: <a href="mailto:strides.edinburgh@apexscotland.org.uk">strides.edinburgh@apexscotland.org.uk</a> / 0131 220 0130<br>Web: <a href="#">Get in Touch</a>   <a href="#">Here to Help</a>   <a href="#">Apex Scotland</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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## PHEW (PEOPLE'S HEALTH & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING) – SPACE@BROOMHOUSE HUB

This is a mental health service that offers 16 – 26 year olds a safe and friendly space to make connections with others and develop a better understanding of mental health and wellbeing. Our group support gives you a chance to connect with people the same age doing the kind of activities you're looking for and enjoy.



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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | Young people 16 – 26 years old                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | We offer two forms of support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A group session on a Thursday evening (the length of session can vary depending on activity). We offer a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities with regular input from the group.</li><li>• Individual 1-1 support sessions are also available.</li></ul> |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | On all year round                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | 6pm – 8pm Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Location:</b>              | Space at the Broomhouse Hub, 79-89 Broomhouse Crescent, EH11 3RH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>For more information:</b>  | Email/telephone no: <a href="mailto:barry.craig@spacescot.org">barry.craig@spacescot.org</a> / 0131 455 7731 or 07566 796270<br>Web: <a href="https://www.spacescot.org/">https://www.spacescot.org/</a>                                                                                                                                 |

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## CASHBACK HUBS – IMPACT ARTS

Our Cashback Hubs programme is a fun way for young people to grow their skills and confidence in a non-traditional environment, beyond the classroom or the local Youth Club. Over 12 weeks, using the arts as a tool, we will support young people to feel more confident, overcome some of the hurdles they might be facing and gain qualifications.



Participants will be supported by an artist, a youth worker and an opportunities coordinator. We will provide participants with everything they need to get involved.

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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | Where it suits the young person's needs, we will support them to gain qualifications or a dynamic youth award. |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | Young people aged 16-24 not in work, education or training                                                     |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | We will provide participants with everything they need to get involved.                                        |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | Rolling                                                                                                        |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | 12 weeks                                                                                                       |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | 2pm - 6pm Thursday, 2.30pm - 4.30pm Friday                                                                     |
| <b>Location:</b>              | 5-7 Montgomery Street Lane, Edinburgh, EH7 5JT                                                                 |

**For more information:** Email/telephone no: [hello@impactarts.co.uk](mailto:hello@impactarts.co.uk) / 0141 575 3001  
Web: [www.impactarts.co.uk](http://www.impactarts.co.uk)

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## VOCATIONAL & EMPLOYABILITY TRAINING OFFER - RURAL & URBAN TRAINING SCHEME (RUTS)

RUTS are a provider of vocational and employability support designed to equip young people with the confidence and skills required to achieve their highest potential and reach a positive destination.



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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | <p>Through the Young Person's Guarantee, RUTS can offer sector specific qualifications/support, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitate training towards, and pay for young people to obtain a CSCS card</li><li>• Facilitate and pay for young people to complete National Pool Lifeguarding Qualifications (NPLQ)</li><li>• Facilitate and pay for young people to complete Food Hygiene Certification</li><li>• Provide PPE/workwear for young people entering employment/work placement/volunteering</li><li>• Provide a leisure pass/free access to a sport club.</li></ul> <p>RUTS also have the capacity to deliver a range of SQA/SCQF accredited qualifications at Level 4 or 5 centred on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motorbike &amp; Bicycle mechanics and riding</li><li>• Boxing / Health and Wellbeing through physical activity.</li></ul> |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | Provision is suitable for a wide range of young people primarily aged between 16-25, although some provisions are suitable for young people from the age of 14.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | RUTS will provide all the resources required to complete each programme which includes use of motorbikes, bicycles or boxing equipment. Each participant will be allocated a youth worker to support you through each programme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | Ongoing/flexible                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | Flexible – Typically a programme is 6-8 sessions, delivered one session per week for the duration of the programme but alternative arrangements can be discussed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | Ongoing/flexible                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Location:</b>              | <p>Amendments have been made to allow programmes to be delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• from our workshop in Penicuik (58 Queensway)</li><li>• from accessible community spaces using our mobile equipment</li><li>• online, using digital platforms such as Zoom and MS Teams.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>For more information:</b>  | Email/telephone: <a href="mailto:info@ruts.org.uk">info@ruts.org.uk</a> / 0131 663 5736<br>Web: <a href="http://www.ruts.org.uk">www.ruts.org.uk</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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## ALL SERVICES FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES - LINKNET MENTORING

### Mentoring:

LINKnet provide one-to-one mentoring for education, employment and personal development. There is a drop-in service every day from 10 am - 4 pm that provides short-term support on employability and education (e.g., CV building, job application, interview, etc.). Booking for a session in advance is recommended to avoid disappointment.



### Volunteering:

Job seekers who do not have UK work experience will be invited to volunteer with LINKnet or with partner organisations to get work experience. They will be requested to work 2 – 3 days per week.

### English Classes:

Group English classes are offered at beginner-to-intermediate and intermediate-to-advanced levels. Classes focus on improving practical language skills for employability, further education, and life in the UK. From December there will be online teaching.

### Befriending:

Befriending programme is offered for people who need language, social, and emotional support, for example, English learners and newcomers to UK who would like to further develop English skills, make connections in the community, and/or feel less isolated and lonely.

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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | Certificates will be provided for some of the courses                         |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | Ethnic Minorities aged 18+                                                    |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | All LINKnet services are free of charge and offered to minority ethnic people |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | Ongoing                                                                       |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | 3 - 6 months                                                                  |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | Flexible                                                                      |
| <b>Location:</b>              | 31 Guthrie Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JG. In person and/or online                |

**For more information:** Email/telephone no: [linknet2@linknetmentoring.com](mailto:linknet2@linknetmentoring.com) / 0131 261 4463  
Web: [www.linknetmentoring.com](http://www.linknetmentoring.com)

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## SEE POTENTIAL - VENTURE TRUST

We work with people to gain the life skills, stability and confidence needed to reach their potential. Through person-centred support in communities and experiential learning in the outdoors, we challenge individuals to reflect on beliefs, attitudes and behaviours so they can unlock skills and learn new, more positive, ways of approaching situations.



At any stage in life, people can struggle. That is why we focus on the path to a positive future, without forgetting what led people to us. Many people we work with are surviving outside mainstream support, are unemployed, or they may have never been in employment. Most have faced trauma.

- COMMUNITY – Outreach support and personal development through one to one and group work.
- WILDERNESS – Intensive outdoor learning in the Scottish Highlands.
- WELLBEING – Free, confidential outdoor therapy sessions with qualified therapists for 16-25yr olds.
- EMPLOYABILITY – Coaching, training and accredited qualifications for 16-24yr olds.

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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | SQA qualifications available on some programmes                  |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | Various - see website for further details                        |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | Personal community-based worker and multi-day wilderness journey |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | Ongoing                                                          |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | Up to 9 months                                                   |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | Available 9 am - 5 pm Monday to Friday                           |
| <b>Location:</b>              | Based in Edinburgh and the Lothians                              |

**For more information:** Email/telephone: [louise@venturetrust.org.uk](mailto:louise@venturetrust.org.uk) / 07785 627048  
Web: [www.venturetrust.org.uk](http://www.venturetrust.org.uk)

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## THE JOURNEY PROGRAMME – VENTURE SCOTLAND



Venture Scotland offer young people aged 16-30 a group-based personal development programme set in the outdoors. It is completely free and is focused on helping to improve young people's physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. The programme is group-based (up to 12 participants per group) and involve meeting twice a week to participate in fun and challenging sessions that use the outdoor environment to stimulate and sustain personal development and growth. Activities include everything from hill walking to canoeing to coasteering and loads more in between.

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| <b>Qualifications gained:</b> | Scottish Canoe Association <i>Paddle Start</i> Award                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Client group:</b>          | Anyone living in Edinburgh aged 16-30 who is struggling and would like the support to make positive changes to their wellbeing.                                                                                              |
| <b>What is provided:</b>      | Joining us is absolutely free to young people. This means that during the programme we provide every young person with full outdoor gear, meals, and we can also cover transportation costs if needed.                       |
| <b>Start date:</b>            | We recruit on a rolling basis, so do not have set start dates. However, we start programmes seasonally and will take referrals for our waiting list at any time.                                                             |
| <b>Duration:</b>              | Up to 6 months long. Our programme runs for 12 weeks and then we offer 'Next Steps' support for participants when they have engaged with the programme and are wanting a bit more support with figuring out what to do next. |
| <b>Times and days:</b>        | Usually Mondays and Tuesdays with residential running over multiple days throughout the week (programme dates will be communicated to participants in advance of joining the programme).                                     |
| <b>Location:</b>              | Venture Scotland, Offices 1&2, 4 Norton Park, Edinburgh EH7 5RS                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>For more information:</b>  | Email/telephone no: <a href="mailto:louisa.selwood@venturescotland.org.uk">louisa.selwood@venturescotland.org.uk</a> / 07535 164285<br>Web: <a href="https://venturescotland.org.uk">https://venturescotland.org.uk</a>      |

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## Useful links

- ✓ **Apprenticeships.scot - Skills Development Scotland**  
[www.apprenticeships.scot](http://www.apprenticeships.scot)
- ✓ **Community Renewal: Next Step Programme – free support and advice for job seekers**  
[www.communityrenewal.org.uk/projects/next-step](http://www.communityrenewal.org.uk/projects/next-step)
- ✓ **Edinburgh FUSE – Retail, customer service and hospitality jobs, training and career support within the St James Quarter and Edinburgh City Centre**  
[www.edinburghfuse.com](http://www.edinburghfuse.com)
- ✓ **Fort Kinnaird Recruitment and Skills Centre - Retail, customer service and hospitality jobs at Fort Kinnaird**  
<http://rscfortkinnaird.co.uk>
- ✓ **Jobs at Straiton Retail Park**  
<https://jobsatstraiton.scot>
- ✓ **My World of Work**  
[www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)
- ✓ **My World of Work School Leavers Toolkit**  
[www.myworldofwork.co.uk/schoolleaverstoolkit](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/schoolleaverstoolkit)
- ✓ **The City of Edinburgh Council - Job Vacancies**  
<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/city-edinburgh-council/jobs>
- ✓ **The City of Edinburgh Council - Opportunities for Young People**  
[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/opportunities-young-people](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/opportunities-young-people)
- ✓ **The King's Trust**  
<https://www.kingstrust.org.uk/how-we-can-help/programmes>
- ✓ **The Young Person's Guarantee Opportunity Finder**  
<https://opportunities.youngpersonsguarantee.scot>