

# Edinburgh Guarantee Opportunities Bulletin



Wednesday 15 April 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.


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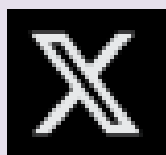
- ✓ List of Current Vacancies (**new opportunities shown in bold**)
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# List of Current Vacancies

## Jobs for All Ages:

- ✓ **Nightshift Cleaner – Unifi – Edinburgh Airport**
- ✓ **Care Professional – Home Instead**
- ✓ **Youth Participation Worker – Space @ The Broomhouse Hub**
- ✓ **Assistant Restaurant Manager – Virgin Hotels**
- ✓ **Commis Chef – Virgin Hotels**
- ✓ Summer Domestic Assistant/Cleaner - The University of Edinburgh
- ✓ Senior Summer Domestic Assistant/Cleaner - The University of Edinburgh
- ✓ Trainee Bus Driver – Lothian Buses
- ✓ Early Years Practitioner – 2 posts – Work+Play Hub
- ✓ Personal Assistant - Enable

## Jobs/Training for Young People:

- ✓ Edinburgh Project SEARCH – Employability Programme
- ✓ Retail, Hospitality and Facilities - Various employers in the St James Quarter and City Centre - FUSE
- ✓ Retail, Hospitality, Beauty, Care and more - Various employers and locations - Fort Kinnaird Recruitment and Skills Centre

## Modern Apprenticeships:

- ✓ **Business Support – Modern Apprenticeship – GP Strategies/IOM**
- ✓ **Business and Administration – Modern Apprenticeship – Qualifications Scotland**
- ✓ **Business and Administration – Modern Apprenticeship – Qualifications Scotland**
- ✓ Childcare - Modern Apprenticeship - PA Training
- ✓ Administration and Service Co-ordinator Assistant – Modern Apprenticeship – Microcom Training/An energy service company
- ✓ Early Learning and Childcare - Modern Apprenticeships - Carousel Training Centre

## Professional Qualifications:

- ✓ Tax Apprenticeship Programme - KPMG
- ✓ Audit Apprenticeship Programme - KPMG

## Programmes, Courses and Training:

- ✓ WOW! (Wellbeing onto Work) Project - Space@Broomhouse Hub
- ✓ Football Works – Street Soccer Scotland
- ✓ FareShare Employability Project - Cyrenians
- ✓ 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 Ltd
- ✓ See Potential – Venture Trust
- ✓ The Journey Programme – Venture Scotland

# Jobs for All Ages

## NIGHTSHIFT CLEANER

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £14.03 per hour  
**Employer:** Unifi – Edinburgh Airport  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing recruitment



Unifi is a leading global provider of ground handling and aviation services. Well-known and well-respected for our innovative and agile operations, we are an elite team of experts serving the airline industry. With stations in more than 240 airports, we provide a full range of ground aviation services, from ticketing and ground handling to cabin cleaning and cargo.

We are recruiting a Nightshift Cleaner to join the team to support with aircraft cleaning which can include between turnaround times, deep-cleans, technical cleans both internal/external and de-icing. As this role is airside, all applicants must be able to provide 5 years' checkable work history and undergo a satisfactory standard disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

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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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## YOUTH PARTICIPATION WORKER

**Contract:** Fixed Term until 31 July 2027 / Part time  
**Salary:** £27,310 per annum pro-rata  
**Employer:** Space @ The Broomhouse Hub  
**Closing Date:** 9 am on Wednesday 22 April



Space @ The Broomhouse Hub is a community anchor organisation supporting people and their families in South West Edinburgh, with some of our services stretching city wide. Space delivers 22 projects, with 60+ staff and 100 volunteers. We deliver diverse services supporting young people, families, older people and carers amongst others.

You will join a small team in designing, planning, and delivering our WOW! Project, supporting young people aged 16-24 years to transition between education and employment. Working hours are 18 hours per week which must include Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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## ASSISTANT RESTAURANT MANAGER

**Contract:** Permanent / Full time  
**Salary:** Competitive  
**Employer:** Virgin Hotels  
**Closing Date:** Monday 11 May



Situated in the historic India Buildings, Virgin Hotels Edinburgh is reimagining the Old Town, marrying its iconic Victorian architecture with distinctive, contemporary design. Inside the hotel, our guests experience a world that revolves around them - from our signature chamber design to numerous drinking, dining and entertainment options.

We are seeking a motivated and hands-on Assistant Restaurant Manager to support daily operations and help lead our team. This is an ideal opportunity for someone who thrives in a busy environment, has a passion for hospitality, and is ready to take the next step in their management career.

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## COMMIS CHEF

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**Closing Date:** Tuesday 28 April



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We're looking for a passionate and motivated Commis Chef to join our team. If you have a positive attitude, enjoy working with fresh ingredients, and want to grow your culinary skills in a fast-paced kitchen, we'd love to hear from you.

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## SUMMER DOMESTIC ASSISTANT/CLEANER

**Contract:** Fixed Term 25 May to 13 September 2026  
**Salary:** £24,547 per annum + 5% premium band for flexible working  
**Employer:** The University of Edinburgh  
**Closing Date:** Thursday 30 April



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.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join our busy Housekeeping Team. We are looking for positive, enthusiastic, and dedicated people with a strong customer focus to help maintain high cleaning and housekeeping standards across our accommodation. Full time and part time positions available.

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## SENIOR SUMMER DOMESTIC ASSISTANT/CLEANER

**Contract:** Fixed Term 18 May to 13 September 2026  
**Salary:** £24,547 per annum + 5% premium band for flexible working  
**Employer:** The University of Edinburgh  
**Closing Date:** Thursday 30 April



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This is a fantastic opportunity to join our busy Housekeeping Team. We are looking for positive, enthusiastic, and dedicated people with a strong customer focus to help maintain high cleaning and housekeeping standards across our accommodation. Working hours are 35 hours per week, on a 5 over 7 basis.

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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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## EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER – 2 POSTS

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £13 per hour / £18,928 per year (£27,040 FTE) + pension contribution + benefits  
**Employer:** Work+Play Hub  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing recruitment



Work+Play is a charity dedicated to removing barriers to employment for parents, especially mothers, by integrating flexible coworking space, supervised childcare, and mental health support - all under one roof. Rooted in equality of opportunity, our mission is to create an inclusive, family-friendly work environment that supports career progression, financial stability, and child development.

Based in our Hub at Gilmerton Road, you will play a critical part in ensuring that children thrive in a nurturing, play-rich environment, while supporting parents in balancing work and family life. You will work in our supervised play area, ensuring that children receive high-quality, developmentally appropriate care. Working hours are 28 hours per week.

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## PERSONAL ASSISTANT

**Contract:** Permanent/Sessional  
**Salary:** £12.82 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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# Jobs/Training for Young People

## EDINBURGH PROJECT SEARCH - EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME

**Contract:** Fixed Term - 9 months  
**Salary:** Unpaid. (If eligible, interns can remain on benefit or access a college bursary)  
**Employer:** Edinburgh Project SEARCH  
**Closing Date:** 12 noon on Monday 28 April



Edinburgh Project SEARCH is part of an international employability programme. It aims to prepare young people with disabilities, aged between 16 and 29 years old, for full-time, competitive employment. Edinburgh Project SEARCH is delivered in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council, Virgin Hotels Edinburgh, Edinburgh College, and NHS Lothian.

This programme aims to prepare young people with disabilities aged between 16 and 29 years for full-time, competitive employment. You will take part in 3 x 10-week internships with the host employer (Edinburgh Council and Virgin Hotels Edinburgh or NHS Lothian) over 38 weeks, gaining 600+ hours of work practice. You will acquire competitive, marketable and transferable skills, and build communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills. The programme starts in August 2026 and lasts for one academic year.

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## RETAIL, HOSPITALITY AND FACILITIES

**Contract:** All types of contracts available  
**Salary:** Dependent on employer  
**Employer:** Various employers within the St James Quarter and City Centre  
**Closing Date:** We recruit all year round



FUSE is the recruitment hub for vacancies within the St James Quarter and the city centre. We also provide training and qualifications for those seeking work and progression in their careers within the Retail and Hospitality sectors.

We have a wide variety of vacancies in many sectors including Retail, Hospitality, Tourism, Operations, Facilities etc. Most of the jobs require a high level of customer interaction and you will work shifts rather than standard hours.

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## RETAIL, HOSPITALITY, BEAUTY, CARE AND MORE

**Contract:** Various  
**Salary:** National Minimum Wage or above  
**Employer:** Various employers and locations  
**Closing Date:** We recruit all year round



The Recruitment and Skills Centre (RSC) at Fort Kinnaird supports employers' current recruitment and staff development needs and also supports job seekers to gain and retain employment in the area.

We have vacancies in many sectors throughout the city. Your day will be varied and fast paced with opportunities for personal and career development. Most of the jobs require a high level of customer interaction and you will work shifts rather than standard hours.

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# Modern Apprenticeships

## BUSINESS SUPPORT - MODERN APPRENTICESHIP

**Contract:** Permanent  
**Salary:** £18,525 per annum  
**Employer:** GP Strategies/IOM  
**Closing Date:** Thursday 30 April



IOM was founded as a research charity in 1969 and has been at the forefront of scientific research to understand and mitigate a range of occupational and environmental health risks. These include coal dust, asbestos, carbon nanotubes and air pollution. We seek to bring about an improved understanding of the factors affecting human health and to identify, promote and apply practices which will lead to improvements in the health of workers and the wider population.

Based in Penicuik, the main focus of the role is to provide effective administration support and service to the entirety of IOM. The role offers a wide variety of responsibilities giving a great opportunity for a young person to develop and gain invaluable experience.

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## BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION - MODERN APPRENTICESHIP

**Contract:** Fixed Term – 12 months  
**Salary:** £25,825 per annum  
**Employer:** Qualifications Scotland  
**Closing Date:** Sunday 19 April



At Qualifications Scotland, we believe every learner can achieve their full potential. That's why, as Scotland's national awarding body, we design and deliver trusted qualifications that recognise knowledge and skills. Based in Scotland, we create qualifications that are valued and used worldwide.

NQ Delivery: Assessment and Data Services are a large business area in the Operations Directorate. The teams develop, improve and deliver key assessment services to schools/colleges/training providers, markers, learners and other stakeholders leading to accurate and timely National Qualification certification.

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You will be based within the NQ Assessment Arrangements team. Our team's primary role is to support learners who have additional support needs to access our National Qualifications. This role will be ideal for someone who is committed to ensuring fairness and who is interested in helping enhance the delivery of our services.

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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**

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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## ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR ASSISTANT - MODERN APPRENTICESHIP

**Contract:** Fixed Term – 12 months  
**Salary:** £14,723 per annum  
**Employer:** An energy service company  
**Closing Date:** This position will close when a suitable candidate is found



An energy service company which focuses on local renewables based in west Edinburgh.

You will undertake a variety of tasks to support the allocation and coordination of reactive, planned, and service installation works between clients and engineering staff. Full training on systems, processes, and service coordination will be provided, and you will work towards SCQF Level 6 in Business and Administration.

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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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# Professional Qualifications

## TAX APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

**Contract:** 5 years  
**Salary:** £25,500 - £28,000 per annum dependent on programme and location  
**Employer:** KPMG  
**Closing Date:** We recruit on a rolling basis



KPMG in the UK is part of a global network of member firms. Through the talent of our c.16,000 people in the UK we make a meaningful and positive difference for clients, people and the communities we serve. We've been doing this for more than 150 years.

Throughout the programme, you'll have the opportunity to be involved in a wide variety of high-profile projects. As part of our team of tax specialists you'll work alongside clients to help them understand the details of tax across the globe - from energy sector companies to online food businesses, banks, and high-net worth individuals.

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## AUDIT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

**Contract:** 5 years  
**Salary:** £25,500 - £28,000 per annum dependent on programme and location  
**Employer:** KPMG  
**Closing Date:** We recruit on a rolling basis



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Throughout the programme, you'll learn how to audit businesses in one or more sectors, which could include big retailers, UK banks and multinational organisations - putting you at the heart of the world of business. You'll also play a key part in our continuous improvement of audit quality. We strive to deliver robust outcomes by working to the highest standards.

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# Programmes, Courses and Training

## WOW! (WELLBEING ONTO WORK) PROJECT – SPACE@BROOMHOUSE HUB

WOW! is a transformational 9-week project offering a mix of engaging, meaningful and fun activities that support young people's wellbeing, build life skills and explore the world of further education, volunteering and work.



<b>Qualifications gained:</b>	N/A
<b>Client group:</b>	Young people aged 16-24
<b>What is provided:</b>	The young people will work in collaboration with our long-term community partners Edinburgh Zoo, who deliver animal welfare engagement in the Zoo on Tuesdays, and Edinburgh International Festival (EIF) who deliver a mix of arts, music and wellbeing sessions on Thursdays. Lunch is included.
<b>Start date:</b>	To apply, please complete this <a href="#">application form</a> Tuesday 28 April – Thursday 25 June
<b>Duration:</b>	Join our WOW! Info & Drop-In Session 1.30pm – 3.30pm on Tuesday 21 April 9 weeks
<b>Times and days:</b>	1.30– 3.30pm (with a free lunch from 12:30) every Tuesday and 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:wow@spacescot.org">wow@spacescot.org</a> / 0131 455 7731 Web: <a href="https://www.spacescot.org/">https://www.spacescot.org/</a>

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## FOOTBALL WORKS - 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.



<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 Thursday: 11:30am - 2pm, Sighthill Powerleague, EH11 4EQ Thursday: 12:00 - 2pm, Leith Community Centre, EH6 6AD Thursday: Street45 (Women's Only) 10:45am – 12:00, Leith Community Centre, EH6 6AD Friday: Various sessions, contact Robbie for details 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 Web: <a href="http://www.streetsoccerscotland.org">www.streetsoccerscotland.org</a>

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## FARESHARE EMPLOYABILITY PROJECT - CYRENIANS

Build skills, gain experience and find work in the warehousing and logistics sector.



Our Employability Project offers people with little or no previous warehousing experience the chance to build the skills, qualifications and confidence needed to move into work in this growing sector. Through a mix of hands-on work experience, accredited training and personalised mentoring, we'll support you to take the next step toward meaningful, sustained employment.

- Qualifications gained:** Manual Handling (accredited)  
Food Safety (accredited)  
Customer Service
- Client group:** This course is for anyone who is unemployed, under-employed or looking for a new start in warehousing and logistics. You don't need any previous experience. If you're ready to learn, we'll support you every step of the way.
- What is provided:** Following a full induction, you will join the team of staff and volunteers at FareShare, be involved with the daily operation of the warehouse and food delivery runs to partner charities. This will involve sorting deliveries, picking and packing orders, cleaning of the depot, loading vans and completing paperwork.
- The project takes place 2 days per week for 6 weeks. If, following this you have not secured work, you will be able to stay on at FareShare CSES as a volunteer and continue to receive employment support.
- Transport to and from the FareShare Depot will be reimbursed.
- Start date:** Accepting people on a rolling basis
- Duration:** 2 days per week over 6 weeks
- Times and days:** Tuesdays and one day of your choosing
- Location:** 5A Seafield Way, Edinburgh EH15 1TB
- For more information:** Email/telephone no: [elliehiggins@cyrenians.scot](mailto:elliehiggins@cyrenians.scot)  
Web: <https://cyrenians.scot/how-we-help/1134-fareshare-employability>
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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.

<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.

**For more information:** Email/telephone no: [info@edin-advance.co.uk](mailto:info@edin-advance.co.uk)  
Web: [www.enable.org.uk/enable-works](http://www.enable.org.uk/enable-works)

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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.



<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.

**For more information:** Email/telephone no: [rubyboots@forceschildrenscotland.org.uk](mailto:rubyboots@forceschildrenscotland.org.uk) / 07587 024841  
Web: <https://forceschildrenscotland.org.uk>

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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.



<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 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.



<b>Qualifications gained:</b>	CSCS Green Card, SIA Security 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 All courses are at SQA level 4, 5 and 6.
<b>Client group:</b>	Over 16s Must have a conviction/s Any conviction eligible regardless of how long has passed/nature 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.  We also offer bespoke disclosure advice/training based on the individual's own criminal record.  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. 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 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.



<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 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.

<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
<b>For more information:</b>	Email/telephone no: <a href="mailto:hello@impactarts.co.uk">hello@impactarts.co.uk</a> / 0141 575 3001 Web: <a href="http://www.impactarts.co.uk">www.impactarts.co.uk</a>

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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.



- Qualifications gained:** Through the Young Person's Guarantee, RUTS can offer sector specific qualifications/support, including:
- Facilitate training towards, and pay for young people to obtain a CSCS card
  - Facilitate and pay for young people to complete National Pool Lifeguarding Qualifications (NPLQ)
  - Facilitate and pay for young people to complete Food Hygiene Certification
  - Provide PPE/workwear for young people entering employment/work placement/volunteering
  - Provide a leisure pass/free access to a sport club.

RUTS also have the capacity to deliver a range of SQA/SCQF accredited qualifications at Level 4 or 5 centred on:

- Motorbike & Bicycle mechanics and riding
- Boxing / Health and Wellbeing through physical activity.

**Client group:** 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.

**What is provided:** 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.

**Start date:** Ongoing/flexible

**Duration:** 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.

**Times and days:** Ongoing/flexible

**Location:** Amendments have been made to allow programmes to be delivered:

- from our workshop in Penicuik (58 Queensway)
- from accessible community spaces using our mobile equipment
- online, using digital platforms such as Zoom and MS Teams.

**For more information:** Email/telephone: [info@ruts.org.uk](mailto:info@ruts.org.uk) / 0131 663 5736

Web: [www.ruts.org.uk](http://www.ruts.org.uk)

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## ALL SERVICES FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES - LINKNET MENTORING LTD

### 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.

<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.

<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.

- Qualifications gained:** Scottish Canoe Association *Paddle Start* Award
- Client group:** Anyone living in Edinburgh aged 16-30 who is struggling and would like the support to make positive changes to their wellbeing.
- What is provided:** 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.
- Start date:** 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.
- Duration:** 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.
- Times and days:** 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).
- Location:** Venture Scotland, Offices 1&2, 4 Norton Park, Edinburgh EH7 5RS
- For more information:** Email/telephone no: [louisa.selwood@venturescotland.org.uk](mailto:louisa.selwood@venturescotland.org.uk) / 07535 164285  
Web: <https://venturescotland.org.uk>
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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 and hospitality jobs, training and career support**  
[www.edinburghfuse.com/jobs](http://www.edinburghfuse.com/jobs)
- ✓ **Edinburgh Guarantee – Information for Young People**  
[www.edinburghguarantee.org/young-people](http://www.edinburghguarantee.org/young-people)
- ✓ **Fort Kinnaird Recruitment and Skills Centre**  
<http://rscfortkinnaird.co.uk>
- ✓ **Jobs at Straiton Retail Park**  
<https://jobsatstraiton.scot>
- ✓ **Joined Up for Jobs Directory**  
[www.joinedupforjobs.org/directory](http://www.joinedupforjobs.org/directory)
- ✓ **Joined Up for Jobs Noticeboard**  
[www.joinedupforjobs.org/noticeboard](http://www.joinedupforjobs.org/noticeboard)
- ✓ **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>