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**Edinburgh Employability**

**Pipeline 2025-26**

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

# Blended Employability Service

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- Contract consisting of Next Step, All in Edinburgh, EnCompass and Advance.
- Contracts have been in place since April 2022.
- All contracts due to be extended for 2025-26.
- Delivery remains the same of Next Step, All in Edinburgh and EnCompass.
- Advance becomes city-wide in-work support service.
- FUSE (SJQ recruitment and skills centre) to be funded by St James Quarter and managed by CCP.
- Further information will be included on each service on new LEP website.



# Network of Employability Support and Training (NEST)

- Existing NEST grant programme ends March 2025.
- Newly recommissioned grants programme running from April 2025 to March 2028.
- Combines No One Left Behind (NOLB) funding for all age and parental services into one funding stream.
- 24 projects included in new NEST funding stream.
- Projects provide wraparound support which differs from Blended Employability Service in local communities.
- Funding from Scottish Government still to be confirmed.



Access to Industry – EdinMe	Cyrenians – Key to Potential	Passion4Fusion – Ubuntu Connections Service
Access to Industry – Access Data	Deaf Action – Employability Support for Deaf People	RUTS – Into Industry Employability Programme
Barnardo’s – Step2Work	Edinburgh College – Edinburgh College PESF Boost	SPACE @ Broomhouse – Planning Futures For People
Barnardo’s – Bright Family Futures	Linknet – Mentoring and Training for Employment & Education	SPACE @ Broomhouse – ESOL into Work with Space
CHAI – Advice Worker Ethnic Minority Families	LIFT – First Steps to Employment	Stepping Stones – Stepping Stones
Citadel Youth Centre – Futureheads	Multi-Cultural Family Base – Pathways to Success	Support@Work – Specialist Advice
Cyrenians – Foundations to Employment	One Parent Families Scotland – Employability Support Service	The Welcoming – Bridges to Success
Cyrenians – Key to College	One Parent Families Scotland – Childcare Connector Project	Volunteer Edinburgh – Voluntary Work Coach

## Moving Forward (Stage 1)

- Support for young people leaving school without moving into positive destinations.
- Seven school clusters supporting all high schools in Edinburgh.
- Service is entering it's second year of delivery.
- Projects also delivery family support to wider family of young people.
- Additional Support Needs service (B-Empowered) also linked to schools.
- Funding in place until March 2027 under NOLB.



# Vocational Training Framework (VTF)

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- Framework consisting of nine lots aimed at delivering training linked to employer vacancies.
- Lots include: Hospitality; Retail; Health & Social Care; Early Learning & Childcare; Construction; Warehouse and Logistics; IT & Creative; Business & Finance and miscellaneous
- Service managed by CCP and delivered by private training providers.
- Framework in place for 2025-26 to allow a review to take place.
- Sessions with stakeholders and partners to be arranged in the coming months.



# UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

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- UKSPF has been running since 2022 and consists of revenue and capital funding
- Three thematic priorities: people and skills, community and place, and supporting local business.
- UK Government have confirmed an extension year for 2025/2026 – further news about any ongoing programme expected in UK budget review June 2025.
- People and skills: Apex, Action for Children, Barnardos, King's Trust, Making Work Work, Edinburgh Women's Aid, Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre, Macmillan Skills Hub and NKS.
- Communities and place: Cyrenians, Empty Kitchens Full Hearts, CHAI, Edible Estates, Community Centres, Turn 2 Us, Fresh Start, End Poverty Edinburgh, Vintage Vibes and Volunteer Edinburgh.
- Supporting local business: Business Gateway, Codebase, Edinburgh Chambers of Commerce and Forever Edinburgh.





## LEVELLING UP

### UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (UKSPF) GRANT FUNDING

- 22 People and Skills projects
- 14 Communities and Place projects
- Six Business Support Projects
- Multiply – numeracy support programme

**£3m investment for 2025-26 (TBC)**

### VOCATIONAL TRAINING FRAMEWORK

Delivered by Capital City Partnership



#### Vocational Training Framework (VTF)

9 sector-specific lots delivered by training providers

- Hospitality
- Retail
- Health & Social Care
- Early Learning & Childcare
- Construction
- Warehouse and Logistics
- IT & Creative
- Business & Finance

**£425k investment for 2025-26**

#### Next Step (Stage 3-4)

Employability offer based across the city, 360 engagements per annum.

**£360k investment per annum**

#### All in Edinburgh (Stage 3-5):

Disability and health offer city wide, 425 engagements per annum.

**£1.4m investment per annum**

**Subsidised Childcare (Stage 4-5):** four affordable childcare providers city wide. **£560k investment for 2025-26 (TBC)**

#### Encompass - Complex Needs (Stage 1-4):

support for clients with a history of issues with drugs/alcohol, criminal justice and homelessness. 240 engagements per annum.

**£305k investment per annum**

#### Advance – In-work Support (Stage 5):

support for clients in work who are at threat of losing their job or looking to progress. c.160 engagements per annum (TBC).

**£180k investment per annum**

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### JUFJ GRANT FUNDING (NOLB)

24 Network of Employability Support and Training (NEST) projects (Stage 1-5)  
**£1.9m investment per annum (TBC)**

Seven Moving Forward/Moving Forward for Parents projects, plus B-Empowered (ASN Service)

**£751k investment per annum**



## Next Steps

- Await budget confirmations from Scottish Government and UKSPF via full Council committee.
- Meetings with providers and preparing funding documentation.
- Updating CCP processes and guidance for providers.
- Provider meeting (April 2025) on processes and guidance.
- Review of three-year funding period conducted.



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