

SUPERCHARGE THE PROJECTSCOTLAND EXPERIENCE WITH THE CERTIFICATE OF WORK READINESS!

As part of the ProjectScotland volunteering experience we're now offering the SQA Accredited Certificate of Work Readiness (SCQF Level 4) through an exciting new partnership with SDS (Skills Development Scotland). This is a work-experience focused programme which integrates ProjectScotland's volunteering placement with an accredited training programme which will see young people focus on:

- Understanding the responsibilities of employment
- Dealing with work situations
- Building skills for customer care

...and much more.



WHO CAN APPLY?

The funding for this pilot means we can offer the Certificate of Work Readiness to young people (aged 16-30) who are focussed on using their volunteering placement to help them get more ready for work. This funding allows us to offer CWR to Edinburgh based volunteers who identify themselves as:

- Coming from a BME background
- Having a disability and/or mental health problem which affects their day to day life
- Coming from a care experienced background (e.g. local authority/residential care)

WHAT WILL THE YOUNG PERSON ACHIEVE?

As well as all the positive effects of a ProjectScotland volunteer experience (20-30 hours per week, for 13 weeks), each young person will also get a qualification which shows employers that they are "Ready for Work". This certificate has been developed in partnership with the business community and will include direct placement feedback and assessment to help young people secure future employment or further learning.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

It's a mix of practical learning and ProjectScotland's volunteering placement – letting young people build up the skills employers want to see on their CV. It combines an accredited training programme aimed at preparing them for the world of work, with one of ProjectScotland's 650+ volunteering placements.

WHAT SUPPORT WILL THE YOUNG PERSON GET?

Each young person will be linked to a ProjectScotland team member who will offer them support from their first meeting, throughout the training and the volunteering placement. Think of them like the young person's personal cheerleader.

We'll also link them to a ProjectScotland mentor who will support the young person to think about their future and next steps. Our mentors will help them gain a better understanding of how to use their developing skills and support with job searching, CV writing and interview preparation. As an added bonus our mentors can support young people for up to 9 months after the placement finishes.

HOW CAN I REFER YOUNG PEOPLE TO THIS OPPORTUNITY?

If you think young people you're supporting could benefit from this experience then we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch by contacting Aileen, our Partnership Manager, on the email or phone number below.



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