



As education and businesses continue to re-open, and we are all settling into our new 'normal', we are sensitive to the fact that we have all experienced a different lockdown and have all had to reflect, adapt and refocus. With the reopening of education we are looking forward to exploring our new 'normal' with our stakeholders and partners to continue to better prepare young people for the world of work, albeit that this will now be achieved in a number of different, and innovative ways.

When our physical space was restricted our virtual reach increased and I am heartened to observe that many businesses still wish to engage, and that this shift to a more virtual work and learning space has seen an increase in the opportunities for young people to gain insight and engage with industry in a virtual capacity. In our 2019 Christmas letter we reported 59 opportunities on Marketplace available to young people in Forth Valley, I am pleased to report there are now 191. This is a very reassuring increase, and we will continue to encourage and promote these opportunities.

DYW Scotland have introduced E-DYW, this database of resources is still in development and we encourage our partners to review it and add to it as we continue to develop it into a robust platform for all partners. We have also seen the development of national virtual learning programmes and campaigns, supported by business, including the Skills Academy, Scotland's Biggest Parents Evening, DYWUp2U20 and the DYW Scot Inspiration Station which brings together interesting practise from numerous sectors and pathways across the national network of DYW Regional Groups.

The current and future climate is going to be particularly challenging for young people who have not yet entered the labour market as they will be entering during a recession. The Scottish Government's commitment to and financial investment of £10m for a range of measures to recruit & retain apprentices and £60m to support Scotland's Youth Guarantee, will help those most in need of support and provide crucial interventions to prevent COVID-19 leaving a lasting impact on the employment opportunities of young people. It is paramount that we work collaboratively to equip our young people with the knowledge, experience, confidence and preparation to successfully transition into the world of work, now more than ever.

We hope this edition of our newsletter provides you with hope and inspiration that the work of DYW, in collaboration with our partners, will continue to provide support, insight and opportunities through this challenging time, as well as recognise and promote the valuable and positive role that young people have to play in our economy, and we urge you, when the time is right for you, please do get in touch.

## WHAT DO PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN BUSINESS AND EDUCATION LOOK LIKE?

Our user-friendly animation helps you to better understand how working in partnership can inspire and develop the future workforce and support positive outcomes for business, education and young people.

Watch it on our website by clicking the image below.



## EMPLOYERS ARE AWESOME!

Young people from across Forth Valley shared the impact that engaging with employers has had on them from primary to college.

Click the image below to view the film on our website - it could be the most inspiring 10 minutes of your day!



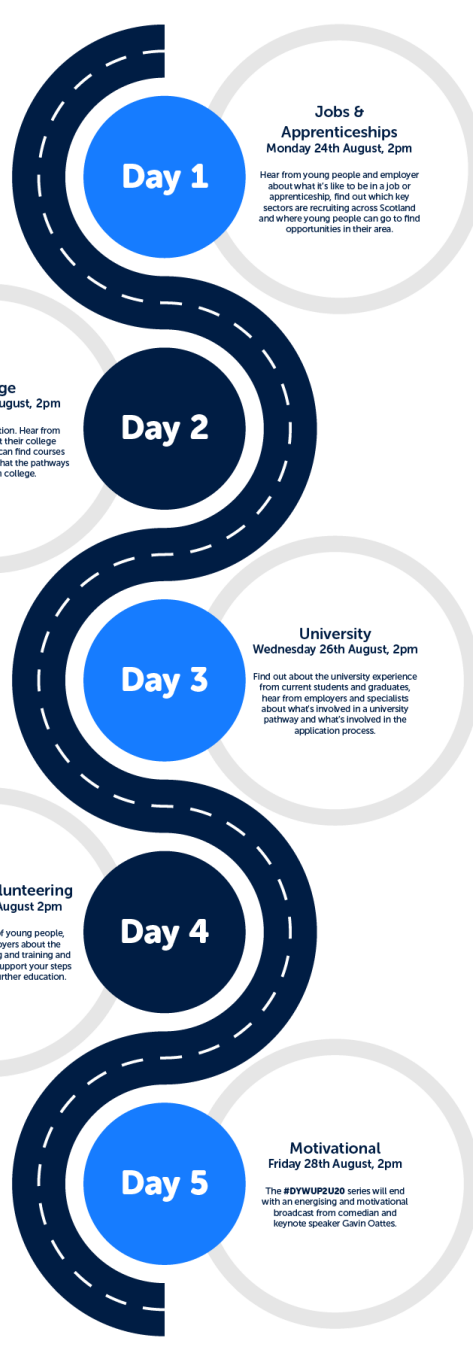
## DYWUP2U20

This week DYW are hosting a week-long series of interactive virtual webinar episodes to support school leavers with their next steps.

We will be joined by comedian and keynote speaker Gavin Oattes from @Tree\_Of Knowledge to facilitate these episodes, detailed opposite.

DYW Up2U is aimed primarily at 2020 summer and winter school leavers. However, the content is relevant to any young person (16-24) or parents/carers seeking insight into a variety of pathways and next steps.

If you are interested in finding out about college, apprenticeships, employment, university, training or volunteering, or if you need some motivation, register now!



## DYW | Developing the Young Workforce

Check out the DYW Scotland Inspiration Station for Case Studies showcasing interesting practice from across Scotland.



Over 1200 secondary school pupils across the Forth Valley area study at the college every year while they are still at school. School Partnership courses like Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs) give our young people a fantastic insight into many different careers, helping them to make informed decisions in regards to their future. Over the last few year SDS have expanded the Apprenticeship Family, and we are working closely with all secondary schools to build an excellent talent pipeline for the future. We need support from our local employers to help these young people prepare to join the workforce of the future.

We offer FAs in Hospitality, Construction, Civil Engineering, IT Hardware, IT Software, Scientific Technologies, Business Skills, Accountancy, Creative Digital Media, Engineering, Children and Young People and Healthcare.

If you would like to know more about how your company could support our young people, please contact [lasha.Craig@forthvalleycollege.ac.uk](mailto:lasha.Craig@forthvalleycollege.ac.uk)



For more info on FAs from Apprenticeships.scot and SDS click the links below:



## #DYWKEYWORKERS

#NoWrongPath is more valuable than ever before as young people face uncertain pathways. Thanks to everyone who took part. Click to read more:



DYW Skills Academy: Get Industry Ready has been delivered throughout July and August with activities and employability experiences supported by industry, that have been designed to combat youth unemployment. Resources can still be accessed by clicking the link below:



A fantastic collection of knowledge and experience was shared by our partners in June for #DYWKeyWorkers campaign. Click to read more:



## CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORTH VALLEY SCHOOLS ON MARKETPLACE:

# 191

There has been an increase in businesses offering opportunities via Marketplace since the beginning of COVID-19. Opportunities available for Forth Valley have grown from 59 in December 2019 to 191. The opportunities now in development are being created with social distancing measures or as virtual experiences.

## TEACHERS LOG IN VIA My World of Work

Businesses, all you need to do to offer an opportunity to schools on Marketplace is click the icon opposite, register and tell us about the opportunity you want to offer.



## E-DYW

If you are a young person, educator, parent or carer, employer, or organisation you can find online support and resources to assist you in all aspects of the Developing the Young Workforce programme by visiting the E-DYW Digital Resource Hub. This is an evolving resource so if you're an organisation or business and have an offering of resource you can also contact us to have your listings added.

The types of resources you will be able to find here include: Educational Resources, Employability Support, Employment opportunities, Online Courses, Financial advice, Mental and Physical Wellbeing and Virtual Work Placements.

TAKE ME TO E-DYW



## TRAINING FOR EMPLOYERS: STEPS TO INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS



To book a place please email: [dyw@edinburghchamber.co.uk](mailto:dyw@edinburghchamber.co.uk)

DYW has partnered with disability experts ENABLE Scotland to deliver an engaging new free webinar for employers to explore the steps to inspiring young people with additional support needs.

This interactive half day webinar will provide employers with the tools to inform and inspire young people with additional needs while they're still at school and provide practical guidance on supporting these young people into employment. During the workshop you will develop a bespoke Inclusion Plan for your organisation and be provided with a comprehensive resource pack.

- Thursday 27th August (9:00-12:30)
- Wednesday 23rd September (10:00-12:00, 1:00-2:30)
- Tuesday 27th October (9:00-12:30)
- Thursday 19th November (13:00-16:30)
- Wednesday 9th December - (10:00-12:00, 1:00-2:30)



Follow in the footsteps of Dyslexia Scotland and Codebase by writing us a guest blog. If you are a business partner, teacher or young person with something to share about DYW why not write us a blog that we can post on our 'Inspiration Station'.

- It could:
- highlight the opportunities that exist in your sector/business
  - share information about the skills required to succeed in your sector/business
  - showcase the work you do to support DYW
- It must:
- be no more than 500 words
  - include appropriate permissions for any photos you wish to use

To check out our guest blogs click here:



Thoroughly interrogating data brings transformative benefits to business. Understanding your customers better, making truly informed decisions and unlocking productivity and efficiency gains is just the beginning.

The University of Stirling is introducing a Graduate Apprenticeship in Data Science – an innovative model developed and funded by Skills Development Scotland. Spending 80% of their time in the workplace and 20% engaged in study, your employee will develop a range of highly sought after data skills and gain a BSc in Data Science while working on projects that meet company demands, adding value throughout the programme.

To find out more please contact Fiona McMillan via [fiona.mcmillan@stir.ac.uk](mailto:fiona.mcmillan@stir.ac.uk) or 01786 466145, or join our webinar on August 13.



## CONNECT WITH US



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