

KEY TO POTENTIAL

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

One to one key worker support focussing on employability skills for pupils in their last 6 months of school.



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IMPROVING EMPLOYABILITY

Cyrenians is an independent charity that has a Vision of an inclusive society in which we all have the opportunities to live valued and fulfilled lives. We work to make that vision a reality by: our Mission to support people excluded from family, home, work or community on their life journey.

Preparing young people for employment, education and training

Key To Potential is an early intervention programme for young people coming up to their school leaving age. The project aims to increase the number of young people leaving school with a positive destination.

We work with pupils who may be disengaging with school for various reasons. Many of our previous pupils have been non-attenders. We aim to support 60 young people per year, 30 Christmas leavers between June and December, and another 30 summer leavers between January and June.

After six months' keywork the young people we work with will, in most cases, have left school and reached a positive destination such as college, training or employment. Some young people will then be paired with a Key to Potential Volunteer Mentor to help them sustain college, training or employment for at least another six months.

WHAT WE DO

Provide young people with high quality and holistic key work

We meet regularly on a one to one basis with the pupil to assess needs and work with them to address barriers to employment, working in partnership with other agencies to support the pupil.

Linking young people to resources and opportunities

We help pupils be aware of the opportunities that are available for them on leaving school. This involves visits to colleges, identifying appropriate training programmes and assisting them with application forms, CVs and interview skills.

Identify Work experience opportunities

We work with pupils to identify suitable work experience placements on an individual basis. There are also opportunities to complete a placement at one of our Cyrenians Social Enterprises - the Community Gardens, Community Farm and Good Food Enterprise.

FEEDBACK

The following quotes are from pupils who were asked what was helpful about Key To Potential.

“Supported me well and showed me in very good detail how to fill out applications and do CVs.”

“I like that Mark helped me get into college.”

“All the different options that were available for when I left school.”

CONTACT

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Cyrenians Services:

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Homelessness Prevention Service
hps@cyrenians.scot 0131 475 2556

Careers Advice:

Skills Development Scotland 0131 718 2040
79 Shandwick Place,
Edinburgh, EH2 4SD

My World of Work 0800 917 8000

Finance:

Child Benefit Helpline 0300 200 3100

Tax Credit Helpline 0345 300 3900

General:

City of Edinburgh Council 0131 200 2323
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FEEDBACK

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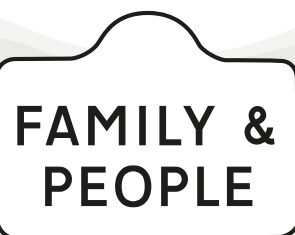
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