

DYW NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

Are you a West Lothian resident that is thinking of applying for an apprenticeship with West Lothian Council?

Access2Employment are on hand to support you through the recruitment process! 📄



Access2Employment's experienced Employment Advisers are launching two brand new support sessions, during which they will provide step-by-step guidance and motivation to help you apply for an apprenticeship with confidence. On Thursday, the 20th of March, from 5:00pm – 6:30pm, an Online Support Session will be taking place, breaking down what you need in preparation for the application process.

This will be followed by an In Person Support Session to help you complete your myjobscotland application. This is taking place on Friday, the 28th of March, from 12:00pm – 5:00pm, at Bathgate Partnership Centre.

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The Technology Design and Innovation (TDI) Challenge Scotland

Offers school and college students a unique opportunity to showcase their project work to an industry that relies upon the creativity and innovation of its designers and engineers. Guidance criteria for students

- Open to students aged 14-19
- Individuals and groups can enter
- Submit your existing D&T and Engineering project– no extra work required!
- Schools and Colleges can submit multiple entries
- Over £5,000 in prizes for students, schools, and colleges

Closing date for online entries: 7 April 2025



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Data Driven Futures: 14th to 23rd July 2025, Business Analytics, Risk, Problem-Solving

Focused on data analytics, this programme teaches students how to interpret and leverage data for decision-making and innovation, perfect for those curious about technology

Applicants must be eligible (within the last 2 years) for either Free School Meals or Education Maintenance Allowance and be aged 16/17 for the duration of the programme (so could be in S4/5/6 dependant on birthday)

Timing: 9:30 - 4:30 each weekday

Location: EY Office, Morrison Street, Edinburgh

Pay & Benefits:

£360 approx for attending all 8 days

Gift Card provided for lunch costs

Travel costs paid where Young Scot Card does not cover

Laptop provided to each young person throughout the 8 days



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If you are interested in any of the above please contact your DYW coordinator

Marketplace Spotlight Sessions

If you're an educator, careers advisor, or professional who works with young people, come along to learn about current opportunities.

The next session will be the 18th March 2025

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L&RA First Step

Your chance to experience life as a lawyer

For one week the Legal & Regulatory Affairs team at NatWest are offering a group of eligible* S4/S5/S6 pupils from central belt schools in Scotland the opportunity to experience life as a lawyer. Throughout the week, a group of lawyers from the NatWest Legal & Regulatory Affairs team will run a range of interactive workshops and experiences to give you a taster of what it's like to work in the legal profession. For more information and the application for please email info@dyw-wl.com

Industry Tasters Resources

A range of toolkits and guides have been created to support DYW Regional Groups, educators and employers in delivering industry taster sessions for career influencers.

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STEM AMBASSADORS

Schools and colleges, and youth and community groups, can collaborate with STEM Ambassadors to engage with young people in person, or virtually, to support a wide range of activities such as careers talks, mentoring, practical workshops or exhibitions.

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MARKETPLACE

Marketplace is a simple, easy to use online tool. Employers can passing on knowledge of their sector through workshops, talks or workplace visits. Your school can use Marketplace to search for the opportunities posted by employers

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Do you want to find out about opportunities available to your school? Check out the DYW opportunities below.

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