



Journey To Work

Live and work in Holland or Italy for 6 weeks!

Sometimes it can be difficult to decide what to do, if you graduate from college or when you just finished a certificated programme. Should you pursue a higher education or get a job? Living up to expectations... Young people don't always know what to do... The Erasmus + UK Agency Ecorys is praising the Journey to Work scheme, which guides young people from work to work (and / or back to school), which has a 77% success rate. And the good news is: It's running again in 2020 ! Watch the Journey to Work Trailer made by one of our students, Connor.

Going Dutch / Bella Italia

The Journey to Work project was undertaken at the request of the Scottish Government and Capital City Partnership (CCP)/Edinburgh City Council and has been running since 2013. It was designed to tackle youth unemployment in the city and region around Edinburgh using a different approach: 'Going Dutch: Living and working in Holland for 6 weeks! The programme provides a series of (digital) Workshops here in Scotland leading to a six week work placement in the Netherlands , with accommodation arranged, all expenses paid and on top of that food money & culture money. After Journey to Work went to Spain, in 2020 we will also have a programme in Italy as well: 'Bella Italia'.

The project is result-oriented and delivers work experience (and you need work experience to get work experience). Taking part in the programme helps you to <u>develop personally and professionally</u>; you will gain valuable international experience, broaden your horizons, experience new cultures and discover new ways of working. A recent ' Journey to Work' student about his experience: 'It was a real good opportunity to meet new people, network and enhance my future employability in Scotland. I am more able to cooperate with people from other backgrounds and cultures and I know much better my strengths and weaknesses' Another Going Dutch student said:' I was able to travel and work independently. I stepped out of my comfort zone, but my skills and confidence have increased tremendously'.



The new Journey to Work Programme will run end 2019 and begin 2020 in collabouration with SDS. Are you an UK resident and 18-30 years old? Have you recently graduated from College or a certificated training programme? Are you finding it difficult to get a job ? Are you unsure about what you actually want to do next ? Don't miss out! Come to our introduction on December 10th 10.30 hours at Skills Development Scotland, at office 79 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh, EH2 4SD. Tell us you want to join and e-mail Morag Cassidy <u>m.cassidy@werkcenterscotland.org.uk.</u> **More information available on our Website: www.fromworktowork.wordpress.com Departure to Holland and/or Italy: Estimated Mid-February 2020** by plane from Edinburgh



