

## Brief provider updates from chat log 11/11/2020

### Access to Industry

Access to Industry's update is that all our services are operating face-to-face and online. We are currently recruiting post to the PESF project which start in Jan and, a manager's post:

<https://accesstoindustry.co.uk/work-with-us/careers/>.

### All in Edinburgh

All in Edinburgh still operating across city on remote basis. All in Edinburgh supports people with disabilities and health conditions to find, sustain and progress in employment. Referrals can be made here: <http://allinedinburgh.org.uk/index.php/refer/> or feel free to drop me an email to find out more [lucy.pearson@enable.org.uk](mailto:lucy.pearson@enable.org.uk)

### Apex Scotland

Apex is also up and running with our ESF employability service Steps. Continuing taking referrals and offering face to face and online support. Email [steps.edinburgh@apexscotland.org.uk](mailto:steps.edinburgh@apexscotland.org.uk)

### Canongate Youth

All services operating face to face and online.

### Community Renewal

Community Renewal continue to deliver our service remotely. We are currently running CSCS training alongside employment support. We have great connections to employers too including in the Care Sector and Retail. We recently ran a pilot care course in partnership with employers. More info here <https://www.nextstepedinburgh.org/> or phone us on 0300 365 0035.

### Cyrenians

Key To Potential have a current caseload of 51 YPs and have engaged with 73 YPS so far this year. In Lockdown Remote Outreach worked very well. Cross Cyrenians co-operation. We are working well beyond expected capacity with more referrals coming in all the time. Kirsty has assisted quite a few YPs onto Enable training and we are keeping in touch with all the YPs we have assisted into college. We got some funding for a pilot Covid19 transition project for face to face (but socially distant COVID-19 compliant) "Key to Work" We partnered with WorkingRite to deliver a 4 week pilot and a second 4 week pilot with Dunedin Canmore AA in SW Edinburgh. "KeyTo Work" has had activities at our Kitchens, Creative Natives who hosted a Halloween spooky skull lino cut and printing session and at Cyrenians Farm Foundations "Officially" Supported 28 people so far this year. 10 new engagements in lockdown but we have had previous clients contacting us again for help and advice, especially around benefits.

Foundations "Officially" Supported 28 people so far this year. 10 new engagements in lockdown but we have had previous clients contacting us again for help and advice, especially around benefits and mental health. Exploring how best to support those furthest from employment towards training opportunities in the COVID-19 landscape. Outcomes are challenging but we are getting volunteering, training, and jobs outcomes.

### Enable Scotland

Progress for Parents has now launched (PESF programme) - ENABLE Scotland will share details on noticeboard this week. Referrals now open for parents that have a child with a disability, living in Edinburgh and needing employability support to find or progress in work. Beth Stanners is our member of staff working on this [bs1@enable.org.uk](mailto:bs1@enable.org.uk)

### One Parent Families Scotland

I am the Employability & Digital Skills worker at OPFS. Part of my role is running an E&DS course for lone parents looking to get into employment and/or improve their digital skills. We at OPFS have been working with one parent families over the pandemic to get laptops, tablets, and remote MiFi device out to tackle digital exclusion. If you are working with any lone parent families and think we can help, please let me know. [stacey.powchscott@opfs.org.uk](mailto:stacey.powchscott@opfs.org.uk).

### STUC

[safety@stuc.org.uk](mailto:safety@stuc.org.uk) for any workplace health and safety issues, 0800 0283 Support@Work for redundancy consultation and any other employment rights issues. Paige if we are short in time this info is hopefully useful.

### Venture Scotland

Hi everyone, I was going to update you all however I need to head off to another zoom meeting!!! Venture Scotland are back out delivering our programme in the outdoors. One thing we cannot do is travel by minibus or overnight stays. We are recruiting young people aged 16-30 in Edinburgh with new entry programme starting in November, January, and February. We can deliver this face to face or digitally! Contact our outreach worker on [sophia.spencer@venturescotland.org.uk](mailto:sophia.spencer@venturescotland.org.uk) for more information. Thanks!

### Volunteer Edinburgh

Update from Volunteer Edinburgh - our employability service is open for business; all information including new on-line resources is here <https://www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk/volunteer/benefits-of-voluntary-work/> Forum members may also want to know about our Community Taskforce Volunteers - a new service created in response to the COVID-19 situation. We have 500 volunteers who are available to do ad hoc practical tasks for people who are unable to leave home e.g. shopping, dog walking, putting wheelie bins out, collecting hearing aid batteries etc <https://www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk/find-volunteers/need-support/>. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss or get more information.