

**Joined Up for Jobs Forum**

**Thursday 26 August 2021, 10:00 – 12:00, Microsoft Teams**

	<b>Agenda</b>
10:00	<p><b>Sally McGreevy, Joined Up for Jobs Chair</b></p> <p>Welcomes and introductions.</p>
10:10	<p><b>What's going on... In the City Region – Nicola Raine, Capital City Partnership</b></p> <p>The Edinburgh and South-East Scotland City Region comprises six local authorities of Edinburgh, Fife, Scottish Borders, West Lothian, Midlothian, and East Lothian with a value of over £1.3 billion. As part of this the Integrated Regional Employability and Skills (IRES) programme has an investment portfolio of 25 million. This presentation is an update on activity across the region under IRES and highlighting key areas of work.</p>
10:25	<p><b>What's going on... Youth - Kate Kelman, Capital City Partnership</b></p> <p>An overview of latest youth employability delivery in Edinburgh including the launch of the Joined Up for Young People network, an update on newly commissioned Young Person's Guarantee Grants and an overview of Young Person's Guarantee development work.</p>
10.40	<p><b>What's going on... Disability – Andrew Busby, Scottish Government</b></p> <p>Andrew's presentation will discuss the Supported Employment Review and will be based on "A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: employment action plan". He will talk about the three themes of the plan to deliver the Scottish Government's ambition to at least halve the disability employment gap in Scotland by 2038.</p>
10:55	<b>Comfort break</b>
11:05	<p><b>What's going on... Employer Support – Calum Nicol, Capital City Partnership</b></p> <p>Information on current support for employers including updates on Business Gateway, Skills Boost, Community Benefits and the Edinburgh Employer Recruitment Incentive.</p>
11:15	<p><b>What's going on... Employer Support (part 2) - Steven Haldane, Edinburgh College</b></p> <p>Steven will update on the Flexible Workforce Development Fund for year five. 15k towards the cost of training is available for large employers or £5k for SMEs. The college has developed a schedule of courses to help ensure smaller organisations with only one or two delegates for courses still get training. Steven will talk through the application process and give examples of the many success stories.</p>
11.25	<p><b>What's going on... Third Sector Redundancy Service - Lauren Quinn, Cyrenians &amp; Noel Guy, Access to Industry</b></p> <p>Lauren and Noel will present on the new PACE 50+ redundancy service delivered by Access to Industry and Cyrenians.</p>
11:35	<p><b>Discussion session</b></p> <p>Small group break-out session to catch up with partners from across the network and share updates.</p>
12:00	<b>Close</b>