**Project Scotland Volunteering**

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| **Specialist support for jobless residents in Dundee aged 16-30 with barriers to employment who are looking to do Volunteering** | |
| **What are we doing and how are we doing it?** | 13 week supported volunteering placement within a charity/not for profit organisation.  The placement is individually tailored to meet the needs and aspirations of the young person.  Prior to starting in the volunteering placement the Youth Engagement Manager will meet the young person to begin to  o build up a working relationship  o discuss types of roles  o together with the young person identify a role that suits their needs  o identify any potential issues and look for solutions  o set up a meeting with the Charity Partner  o accompany the young person to initial meeting if required  Throughout the placement each young person will have  o Their allocated Youth Engagement Manager  o Regular meetings, face to face, by telephone with Youth Engagement Manager  o A plan of action  o Volunteering placement support from both Youth Engagement Manager and Charity Partner line manager  o Appropriate, relevant signposting to support Agencies  Each young person is matched with a Mentor, based on factors like career interests, location, personality and hobbies  The Mentor will  o Help to reflect on the placement and how to gain the most from it  o Explore opportunities for the future  o Help build self-confidence, recognise skills and set goals  o Support with Job Search  o Meet weekly for around an hour in a public place e.g. coffee shop, library, a place where a volunteer is comfortable  Ongoing support, for up to 9 month’s post-programme, to support each young person in sustaining progression activity. |
| **Who’s eligible?** | Aged between 16-30 years of age with barriers to employment & willing to commit to up to 20/30 hours per week |
| **Target Audience** | Unemployed, Care experienced, Carers, People with convictions, People with disabilities and health conditions, People with substance misuse, People with literacy and numeracy problems, Refugees. |
| **When can we apply?** | Anytime (office hours) |
| **Where will it be held?** | Dundee City |
| **How do we refer?** | Use the form at the end of this guide or Click on the link [here](https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/employability-map/referral-form) for a copy of the referral form and send it to the contact below |
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| **Stages covered** | 2 |
| Additional Information: Examples of placements- Childcare, Customer Service, Administration, Retail, Conservation, Gardening, Sport, Youth Work, Van crew, Upcycling Volunteer. These types of opportunities are a valuable way for a young person to learn new skills, overcome personal barriers, gain experience, build confidence and increase job prospects.  This project is part funded by the European Structural & Investment Funds – namely the European Social Fund (ESF) | |