

SCOTLAND'S BIGGEST PARENTS' EVENING 2021

Parents Toolkit





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WELCOME

Welcome to this years Scotland's Biggest Parents Evening (SBPE). In a change from previous years, SBPE is a week long virtual event delivered by Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) to provide parents and carers with information to support their young people at home when making that all important decision about 'what's next' after school.

This parent's toolkit has been produced as a reference guide for all parents to outline the different resources and opportunities available to pupils to help them to make their future career choices. In this toolkit we will highlight a variety of resources including My World of Work, Skills Development Scotland, Edinburgh College, Developing the Young Workforce. I would encourage all parents to check out <https://www.dyw.scot/sbpe.html> for further information on SBPE 2021.

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SCOTLAND'S BIGGEST PARENTS' EVENING PROGRAMME OF EVENTS





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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Monday 15th
November 2021**

**Tuesday 16th
November 2021**

**Wednesday 17th
November 2021**

**Thursday 18th
November 2021**

**Friday 19th
November 2021**

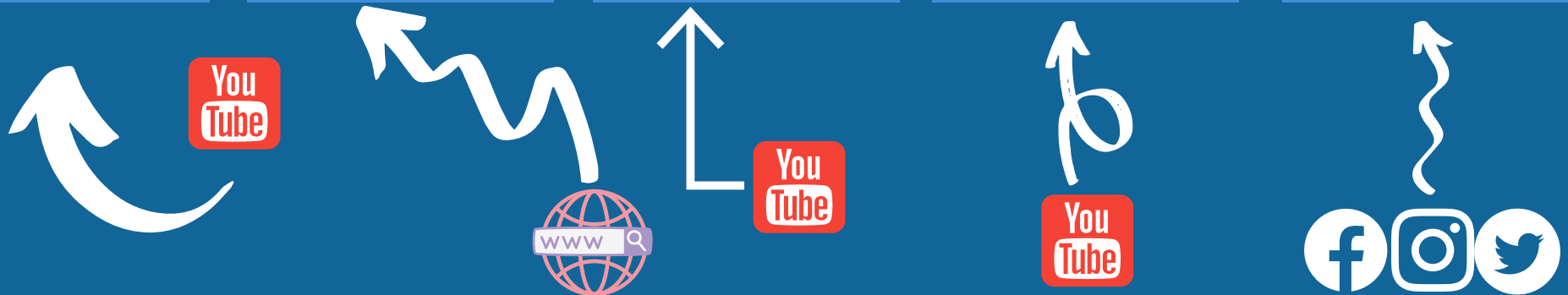
**YouTube -
(National) SBPE
Launch Event**

**Skills Scotland
Virtual Careers Fair**

**SDS Careers Week
Parents Webinar**

**YouTube - (Regional)
Edinburgh College
Routes & Pathways**

**Social Media -
Parents Information
Takeover**





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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - FURTHER DETAILS

15 November 2021, 1900-2000 - YouTube - (National) SBPE Launch Event - Tune into the national launch event for Scotland's Biggest Parents' Evening online. Hear from the Jamie Hepburn MSP Minister for Higher and Further Education, Enable Scotland and Ian Simon DYW School Coordinator) about the opportunities available to students when they leave school. <https://bit.ly/3EWvvmv>

16 November 2021, 0930-1630 - Skills Scotland Virtual Careers Fair - See next page 7 for further details.

17 November 2021, 1830-1915 - SDS Careers Week Parents Webinar - Parents and carers can hear from professional SDS careers advisers about the huge range of opportunities for young people when they leave school. Parents and carers can sign up for this national online event at <https://bit.ly/2ZRVOv5>

18 November 2021, 1730-1830 - YouTube - (Regional) Edinburgh College Routes & Pathways - The DYW Regional team are hosting an online webinar with Edinburgh College where parents and carers can here about the opportunities, resources and course options available at the College. <https://bit.ly/3oaRrUj>

19 November 2021, all day - Social Media Takeover - Check out DYW social media channels throughout the day to keep learn more about the opportunities available to young people. All content will be targetted at parents and is also a great way to find all the information in one place. *Check out the page 8 for all the social media handles.*

skillsScotland

Nov 16, 2021
9:30AM - 4:30PM GMT

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SKILLS SCOTLAND VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR

Our regional series of Autumn 2021 Skills, Career and Apprenticeship events have gone **digital!** As education responds to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are acutely aware that now more than ever young people need guidance, access and information on careers to support them as they plan for the future.

‘Now more than ever it is vital that our young people have access to the right skills, information and opportunities to ensure the best outcomes for them. Skills Scotland provides a platform for young people to meet with employers, colleges, universities and independent learning providers. The events help young people to understand all of the pathways available to them; whether that’s further or higher education, apprenticeships or straight into the world of work.

Pupils and parents can sign up to attend at <https://skillsscotland.vfairs.com/>.



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SOCIAL MEDIA TAKEOVER - SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES



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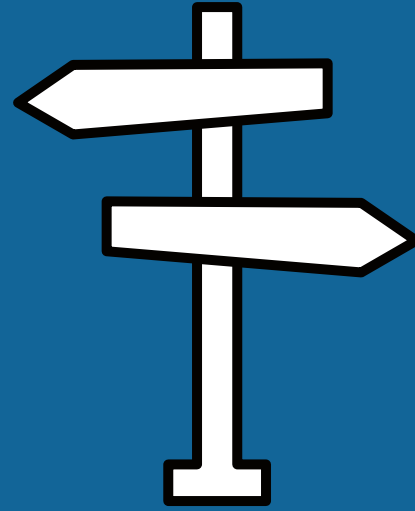
DYW Edinburgh, Midlothian & East Lothian



@DYWEdinMidEast

CHECK IT
OUT





POSITIVE DESTINATIONS SUPPORT RESOURCES





SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND (SDS)

INTRODUCTION

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) is the national skills agency for Scotland. Across Scotland, SDS support individuals to build their career management, work-based and employability skills, throughout their career journey, from school, into further learning opportunities and employment.

Through their schools based service, Amy Campbell from SDS is based in school each week and meets 1:1 with students who require some support to define their future career options. In addition, Amy runs a series of group work sessions with classes throughout the school to provide career management skills to pupils.

In addition to the schools based service, SDS also several national platforms including MyWorldOfWork (MyWOW) and Apprenticeships.scot.

www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND (SDS)

WWW.MYWORLDOFWORK.CO.UK

MyWorldOfWork.co.uk is a national portal for jobseekers at all ages and stages of their career to discover their next step. The portal is split into three sections - My Career Options, Learn and Train, Getting a Job - that lead a jobseeker through the three stage of career management. The portal has a wealth of information, tools and resources to support young people to develop their skills in areas such as CV writing, Interview skills and applying for jobs.

All pupils in S1, when they join High School, are signed up for MyWoW and they are encouraged to regularly use the website throughout their high school career.

www.myworldofwork.co.uk/



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND (SDS) APPRENTICESHIPS.SCOT

In Scotland, there are three levels of Apprenticeship offered to school leavers aged 16-24 (29yo if care experienced) - Foundation, Modern, Graduate. The Apprenticeship programme is designed to be progressive and enables school leavers to earn a qualification while also earning a wage from paid employment.

Apprenticeships.scot is the national portal where employers advertise vacancies. In addition, school leavers can also view the different qualifications on offer through the Apprenticeship programme and progression routes upon completion.

www.apprenticeships.scot/



EDINBURGH COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION

Edinburgh College is Scotland's Capital College and they provide high-quality education and training to people and businesses across the region and beyond. Edinburgh College welcomes students from over 139 countries worldwide, who choose from over 700 courses across 25 different subject areas with full-time, part-time, evening and distance-learning options available from access to degree level.

The college has four campuses, all of which were previously the campuses of the constituents of the merger:

- Milton Road Campus
- Midlothian Campus (Eskbank)
- Granton Campus
- Sighthill Campus

www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/



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CAREER COACH

Career Coach is an online career and course matching portal from Edinburgh College that enables Students to make informed course and career choices. The system uses live data from a range of economic and government sources to provide up to date information on employment opportunities, pay scales, current vacancies and the outlook for future opportunities in the region.

Using Career Coach, students can research their career interests, or take a career assessment if you don't know where to start.

Learn about typical tasks and requirements to gauge which career would be a good fit.

[CLICK HERE](#)



<https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/information-and-advice/career-planning/career-coach>



DEVELOPING THE YOUNG WORKFORCE

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN & EAST LOTHIAN

Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) is Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy to better prepare young people for the world of work. The employer-led regional groups are set up across Scotland to connect employers with education. In Edinburgh, Midlothian and East Lothian we aim to transform how employers and educators engage to help young people become informed, inspired and ultimately hired!

DYW is here to support pupils to find their next step, whether that be opportunities in school, or post school through apprenticeships, college, university, training, volunteering or straight into employment.

The DYW Regional group is here to better connect pupils to the world of work, creating meaningful experiences between pupils and employers that will help them to be more informed, inspired and ultimately ready to be hired!

www.dyw-edinmideast.com/

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ENGAGING WITH EMPLOYERS?

Gain an understanding of different businesses, sectors and jobs

Access to work relevant employer engagement opportunities

Insight into transferrable skills

Support with CV's, applications, cover letters and interviews

Gain insight into the career paths available to you





YOUNG PERSONS GUARANTEE

The Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) is a commitment to bring together employers, partners and young people. It aims to connect every 16 to 24 year old in Scotland to an opportunity. This could be a job, apprenticeship, further or higher education, training programme or volunteering.

The YPG commits to supporting all of Scotland's young people to have a bright and prosperous future.

Lots of employers, colleges, universities and volunteering agencies are part of the Guarantee. They can all help you on your journey, and have many different opportunities for you to get involved with.

Thinking of an apprenticeship? Starting or going back to college or uni? Or are you looking for a job or volunteer placement? Search our opportunity finder and see what's right for you.

www.youngpersonsguarantee.scot/



EDINBURGH'S UNIVERSITIES

Edinburgh is home to four world class universities - Edinburgh, Napier, Queen Margaret and Heriot Watt - and the head office for The Open University. Each institution offers learners a different range of courses and qualifications dependent on their interests.

All five establishments offer a range of full time and part time Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes. Check out their website for their latest course offering.

Applications for UCAS close on **26 January** (excl Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry courses). Pupils will be preparing personal statements with their Pupil Support Leader from September onwards.

Click the logo for the universities and UCAS website





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