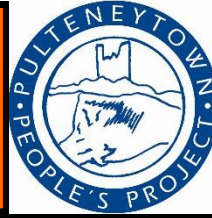


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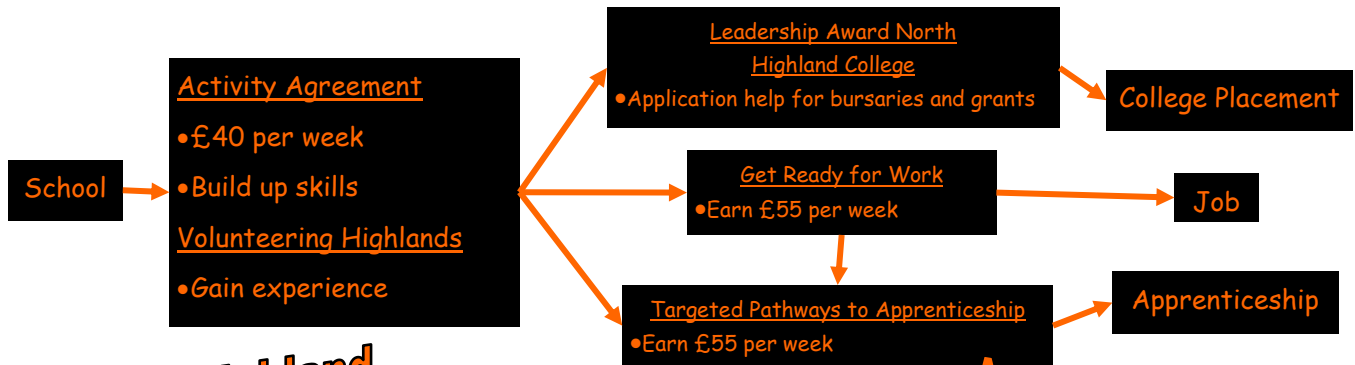
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Pulteneytown People's Project has lots of different groups designed to help you after leaving school. Whether you're interested in finding a job, an apprenticeship, voluntary work or further education, Pulteneytown People's Project is here to help. The diagram below shows the pathways you can take:



Volunteering Highland

Volunteering is the perfect way to add something special to your CV, build your confidence, meet new people and have fun.

PPP and Volunteering Highland can help you find voluntary work in the community with great benefits for you and others. All the hours you volunteer for will count towards gaining your Millennium Volunteering Award which is a certificate signed by a Scottish Executive Minister. For those under 16 years old your voluntary work will be recognised with a Young Highlander Award. By volunteering you will impress future employers and find yourself taking part in lots of fun activities.

For more information please contact Sandy or Cath on 01955 606950.

Leadership Award

PPP Leadership Award is a fantastic opportunity for young adults who wish to start further education.

Working in partnership with North Highland College, the Leadership Award helps to break down the barriers which young adults may feel are preventing them from applying to college.

The course helps people to reengage with learning and training, join in mainstream activities and supports the students into further education and employment.

While taking part you will get help applying for bursaries and grants to assist in your learning. During the course you will be expected to work hard on both theoretical and practical subjects such as catering, health and hygiene, and work towards gaining your Millennium Volunteering Award and qualifications.

Through this course you will be able to take 'taster' classes in subjects you feel you might enjoy, allowing anyone who is unsure which course to take to discover where their interests lie.

Several students already on the course have found it to be very worthwhile. Ella Aston said: "It has given me a positive destination, a settled lifestyle and a qualification. It's hard work most of the time but I do enjoy it and I feel like I'm really making progress."

Funded through the European Social Fund, The Leadership Award is the first step towards a brilliant career. Anyone interested in finding out more should contact Sandy or Cath on 01955 606950.

Activity Agreements

Activity Agreements are for 16 – 19 year olds who have left school and are not in employment.

An Activity Agreement is a six month contract between the young adult, the Highland Council and Skills Development Scotland which is tailor suited to your goals, aspirations and skills.

Whilst on the Agreement you can apply for £30 a week through EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) depending on your circumstances and receive funding to take you on courses such as T3UK.

On a course run by T3UK you can gain certificates in everything from first aid and power tool training right through to fire safety, allowing you to start work in a variety of jobs with the training and experience you need.

On an Activity Agreement you will be developing skills to help you find work, gain work experience through volunteering and achieve qualifications to progress into further education - all with the full support of an advisor to assist you each step of the way.



Get Ready for Work

Get Ready for Work (GRFW) offers 16-19 year olds placements in local industries where they receive a real wage, real on-the-job training and the possibility to be kept on as an apprentice or start a fulltime job. When accepted to GRFW you will be given full support from the PPP co-ordinator throughout the 12 weeks of your placement who will ensure you are developing well and enjoying your work. Each week you will receive a wage of £55 plus any contributions your employer wishes to make. GRFW is the perfect chance to show employers you have dedication and willingness to learn and you will make real progress towards mastering a trade and getting those vital first steps on the ladder to a permanent job or apprenticeship. Similar placements have been incredibly successful and PPP has itself benefited greatly. Nicole Cassie started a GRFW placement with PPP and impressed staff so much that she was offered a full-time job. Nicole said: "When I was on a GRFW placement I was supported to learn the job, so when my placement came to an end and I was offered a job I knew what it involved. I left school with no positive destination and I now have three years of work experience and I am studying for my degree." Bobby Black also started a GRFW placement, where he was recognised for his skill and kept on as an apprentice with Lee Mackay Joiner Contractor. Bobby said "I found the placement to be really good. It got me into a working routine each day, putting me in the right frame of mind. If I had to pick a job, this is the one I would do rather than anything else." Anyone interested in learning more about GRFW should contact Vince Walker on 01955 606950.

Targeted Pathways

Targeted Pathways to Apprenticeship (TPTA) is a step up from Get Ready for Work (GRFW). After having completed GRFW you may desire to progress onto TPTA where you will be matched to a suitable placement based on your skills and previous experience in GRFW.

Support is given throughout the placement which lasts for 26 weeks and the placement focuses on meeting outcomes and achievements agreed between the employer and worker. The placement will be a learning environment where you will gain experience and certificates based on the nature of work carried out.

TPTA candidates are paid a basic wage of £55 a week plus any contributions your employer is willing to make and are treated exactly like any other employee, making it an ideal way to build up your CV, impress employers and move onto apprenticeships.

TPTA is funded by Skills Development Scotland, please contact Vince on 01955 606950 for more information.

SQA Awards

PPP runs two SQA classes from the Training Centre – Employability and Steps to Work.

SQA Employability Award is a new qualification that focuses on employability skills, introducing learners to the world of work and methods needed to obtain and sustain employment. This fully recognised award covers preparing for employment, building employability skills and a choice between a unit in responsibilities of employment or dealing with work situations.

SQA Steps to Work Award supports and complements strategies such as More Choices, More Chances and 16+ Learning Choices by developing skills for learning, life and work. The recognised award is comprised of two sections: Person Centred and Practical Context. Person Centred includes areas of personal development key to successful learning such as self awareness and responsibilities of employment, whilst Practical Context focuses on building knowledge in areas of interest such as sports, arts and computing.

Both SQA Employability and Steps to Work are available at SCQF level 3 (Access 3) and SCQF level 4 (Intermediate 1). For more information contact Vince or Sandy on 01955 606950.

"It's a really friendly atmosphere and we all get along with each other" - Ellie McPhee

Job Club

PPP Job Club is your first stop towards finding the right job. Running on Fridays, 10am to 5pm at 45 Murchison Street, Wick, the Job Club offers computer access, help and support with your CV, mock interview practice and assistance with applications and job searches.

The day is structured to ensure you get the best possible help: from 10am to 1pm there is a chance to search for jobs, ask for help, or discuss various other matters. From 2pm until 4pm you can book a half hour session with a member of staff where you can get one-to-one help on anything from interview techniques to CV help. The final hour of the day is free computer time for job related matters.

People have already been impressed with the Job Club. Leslie Leonard said: "I think it's a really good thing to get perspective on my CV from the outside; someone who will be honest in their appraisal of what I've been doing right and wrong. I'll definitely be coming back for as long as it takes me to get a job."

Friendly and helpful, PPP Job Club will help you find employment. For more information or to book a half hour session please contact Sandy on 01955 606950.

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