



## What is the Edinburgh Guarantee?

The Edinburgh Guarantee is a vision that all sectors of the city will work together to ensure that every school leaver in Edinburgh will leave school with the choice of a job, training or further education opportunity available to them.

It is not a programme or a funded package. It's a belief that everyone has something to offer and that the city, by working together, can deliver a better future for our young people, and for our economy.

In recent years it has become harder and harder for young people to find their first opportunity, to gain the experience that employers want or the skills to move their careers forward. And that situation threatens the future success and health of the city as well as the young people themselves. It was clear that we had to take action. The Edinburgh Guarantee was born.

Bringing together local government, business, colleges, voluntary sector organisations and national programmes, we've worked to create more opportunities for our young people. The aim is simple; to help every school-leaver in the city secure a job – or an educational, training or volunteering place as a stepping stone to realising their future career ambitions.

By helping our young people find their first opportunity we help to ensure a more vibrant economic future for the whole city, one with skilled workers, confident customers and engaged communities.

We also want to influence a cultural change in how young people are perceived, recognising the energy and creativity they bring to the workplace. More still needs to be done to dispel the myths that exist around working with young people.

By encouraging all parts of our city to work together we hope to better prepare our young people for the world of work and give them the chance they deserve - that all important first chance.

### What we've done so far

150 organisations have offered support.  
1000 opportunities have been identified – jobs, apprenticeships, placements, college and training places.  
650 of those opportunities have been matched to young people.

### What can you do?

- ✓ Offer a job to a school leaver
- ✓ Offer a Modern Apprenticeship
- ✓ Offer paid internships
- ✓ Offer a work placement for progression into a job
- ✓ Other ideas?

### Are you interested?

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