

**November
Update
2023**



Welcome to the November LEP update for practitioners. This update is prepared by the Partnership Management Office (PMO). Any future items for inclusion **e-mail** dgemployability@dumgal.gov.uk

Funded HGV training places for parents

Dumfries and Galloway Chamber of Commerce are working with local employers to develop training opportunities for 'in work' and 'into work' progression for parents. Currently there are training opportunities for parents with a genuine interest in a career in Heavy Goods Vehicle or HGV training. This is open to eligible parents only. For further details, and to check eligibility, get in touch with jordan.nicholas@dgchamber.co.uk



Dairy sector - Employment opportunities

Digital Dairy Chain - <http://www.digitaldairychain.co.uk/> - aims to attract and retain talent for the Dairy sector and the relevant supply chain. They offer a signposting service to help employers within this sector find the right candidate to fill newly created roles or old job vacancies they have struggled to fill. Vacancies for roles at First Milk, Dourie Farm and SRUC as per the links below:

<https://www.digitaldairychain.co.uk/jobs/first-milk-facilities-support-operator/>
<https://www.digitaldairychain.co.uk/jobs/engineering-stores-controller/>
<https://www.digitaldairychain.co.uk/jobs/assistant-manager/>
<https://www.digitaldairychain.co.uk/jobs/reader-agritech/>



Better off in work calculations

ENABLE Work's (the employability strand of Enable) are able to offer clients a better off in work calculation. This service will be provided by their Welfare Rights Adviser. Clients will be advised on any benefits they might be entitled to claim and the potential impact on their benefits of paid employment. Advice will be delivered by a combination of phone and email. For more information on making a referral, please email: betteroffinwork@enable.org.uk or get in touch with the PMO for an informal discussion.

Work Experience & Volunteering

Volunteering for Employment Coordinator

Funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the Volunteering for Employment Co-ordinator based within Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway, will work with the Employability Manager to support the development of work-based skills and personal development through volunteering, to increase employment opportunities for people in Dumfries and Galloway.

Closing Date: 2023-12-06

How to apply: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4950789>

Placement Plus offers a paid six-month work placement opportunity of up to 30hrs per week for unemployed individuals aged 16-67. **Placements for Dumfries and Galloway Council vacancies have now closed** and the matching and interviewing process is underway. The volume of interest from **Third and Private sector employers has been very high and the 20 external placements have now been agreed and advertised**, or are currently being processed. A waiting list has been created of employers who have expressed an interest should further opportunities arise. For live vacancies: <https://www.dgemployability.co.uk/news-events/dumfries-galloway-placement-plus>

Individuals will be provided with wrap around support from the Placement Plus Key Worker, as well as on the job training to help improve long term employment prospects. For further information: PlacementPlus@dumgal.gov.uk



New National Database Tackling Poverty Locally



Tackling Child Poverty

The Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit have shared a new directory which aims to showcase all types of action being undertaken to tackle poverty locally. The directory aims to become the go-to place to learn about local action to tackle poverty locally. This online resource is free for all to access. You will find information about the following: how to tackle food poverty, reduce stigma, assist people into employment, deliver financial inclusion, tackle housing costs, and address the cost of living. Click here to access: <https://www.gcu.ac.uk/aboutgcu/academicschools/gsb/research/spiru>

Child Poverty Employability Project Officers – these posts are now live on MJS and will cover the region (so there may be some flexibility with base location)

Enquiries to kerry.monteith@dumgal.gov.uk

[Child Poverty Employability Project Officer - DGA10130 | Dumfries & Galloway Council | myjobscotland](#)

Support for Third Sector Organisations

Third Sector Training Needs Assessment

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway is looking to establish what areas of learning and development third sector organisations might need to focus on to improve the skills, knowledge, and abilities of staff, trustees, and volunteers. **Survey closes December 10.**

Click on the link to access: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5098745>

This supports capacity building training being offered by Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway. For details visit <https://training.tsdg.org.uk/> OR contact sharee.donoghue@tsdg.org.uk



DGLEP employability support referral

Referral & Engagement

- [click here](#) to access the form.

Referrals are sought from a range of partners.

Completed forms should be returned to: dgemployabilityreferrals@dumgal.gov.uk



Each referral will be reviewed and allocated to the most suitable service or support for the individual. If you are unsure about available support, contact the PMO directly for details: dgemployability@dumgal.gov.uk

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