

Delivering the Youth Guarantee

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Giving every young person the chance to succeed.

Economy Secretary Fiona Hyslop has set out more details of how Scotland's Youth Guarantee will give young people the chance to succeed despite the economic impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The guarantee will ensure everyone aged between 16 and 24 has the opportunity of work, education or training. The Scottish Government is funding it with £60 million which will be broken down as follows:

- £30 million through local authorities to help local partnerships to deliver employability support for young people
- £10 million to create additional opportunities in colleges
- £10 million additional funding for Developing the Young Workforce, the Scottish Government's internationally recognised Youth Employment Strategy
- £10 million to support pathways to apprenticeships

Sandy Begbie, who led the Developing the Young Workforce Group that played a pivotal role in the delivery of the Edinburgh Guarantee to young people, was asked to write an implementation plan which has been published today. The report's recommendations include:

- early work to identify youth employment opportunities with employers in some of the least-impacted sectors, including financial services, utilities and life sciences
- working to introduce an incentive model where government pays 50% of wages for young people who need the most help

- a call for the public sector to create more opportunities for young people
- a call for businesses who would not normally have taken an apprentice full-time to consider sharing an apprentice with other employers
- providing support to encourage SMEs to take on a young person if they are able to do so