

Title	Positive Collaboration = Positive Destination
Local Authority	Dumfries & Galloway Council
Key Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employability & Skills Service including DG employment TAP • Education Services
Project Summary	<p>Employability & Skills Service worked in partnership with Education to deliver a career event aimed at supporting young people with career and further education choices specifically in relation to land based industry and the creative sector and for young people to have their say about future services and events aimed at supporting them. The event was held at Easterbrook Hall, Crichton, Dumfries on 5th March 2014.</p> <p>Our objectives were to raise awareness of the opportunities available and the key sectors here in D&G for young people - both to increase the awareness of the opportunities for those who choose to stay in the region but also to attract back some of those who leave the region for educational opportunities. Working together to support young people to reach a positive destination.</p>
Resources	<p>Using knowledge and experience of the team to ensure the right people were invited to the event including pulling together a network of people that helped make the event a success. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Glasgow • UWS • Dumfries & Galloway College • Prince's Trust • Inspiring Entrepreneurs • Skills Development Scotland • Chamber of Arts • Community Learning & Development • SRUC • Holywood Trust • Scottish Qualifications Authority • Community Learning & Development • LANTRA (Sector Skills Council for Land based Industries) • Department of Work & Pensions • Dumfries & Galloway Council MA unit • Local Employers

	In addition to the practitioners and businesses that helped make the day a success were the Schools, the teachers that not only participated on the day but identified a cohort of young people that would benefit from attending.
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Good Practice and Lessons Learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working together to plan an event like this helping vulnerable young people to achieve their best and make that transition from school into employment highlights the importance of partnership working, making the best of our local resources and expertise. • The success from the event led to Education & Employability & Skills Service and a local employer taking their ideas and sharing best practice as part of the Scottish Learning Festival held at the SECC in Glasgow. • We are already planning our next annual event and hope to offer live vacancies to the young people of our region. • Some of the feedback from our young people that attended the event included accessing more jobs. We are working to develop this and cover a more varied range of sectors. • Events like this highlight the importance of ensuring that education and skills provision links directly to the workforce requirements of our local employers. Making sure that young people are well prepared and driven to become our region's workforce for the future. • Young people want more interactive sessions rather than speakers talking. This is also being taken forward to the steering group planning our next event
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Third Party Quote(s)	As part of the Scottish Learning Festival week Alan Armstrong, Strategic Director for Lifelong Learning at Education Scotland, said: "It's fantastic to hear about the great work Dumfries and Galloway Council's Employability and Skills Service are doing to encourage and support vulnerable young people into employment. It is testament to the hard work of the Employability link workers and the willingness of employers within the region to take on young people and help them reach their potential."
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Where to find out more...

Relevant Web Link(s)	http://www.employabilityinScotland.com/news-events/latest-news/march-2014/dumfries-galloways-career-event-supporting-your-ambition/ http://www.scottishlearningfestival.co.uk/events/d1c/
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