

Scottish Government

15-24 Learner Journey Review

Project 1: Learner Choice and Application

This document provides a summary of the meetings held as part of the 15-24 learner journey review to discuss the Learner Choice and Application process of the education and skills system.

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Project 1 report – Learner Choice and Application

Aim

To explore the need, benefits and costs of developing a learner choice and application service which brings together the current Careers Information Advice and Guidance (CIAG) system on My World of Work with information on student support and the application system for UCAS, Apprenticeships online and potentially a new college application process.

Progress

The project team considered the evidence gathered from stakeholders and learners and is summarised into the following key points:

- It is important that young people understand the variety of learning and training routes open to them to through which they can access the career of their choice.
- It is equally important for parents to understand the multiple routes and the opportunities available
- The digital landscape feels fragmented to learners
- Learners tend to have a high level of expectation and reliance on digital services to help them make decisions but still want to be able to speak to a person when making decisions.
- Digital information needs to be up to date and accurate
- My World of Work is established and used frequently by school teachers and pupils
- Create a tool that will help and support learners record skills and achievements that will follow them throughout their careers

To address the points above, the programme team considered the interdependencies and the work already underway, including:

- The implementation of Developing Young Workforce (DYW), in particular the implementation of the Career Education Standard (CES). Published as part of DYW commitment, the CES sets out a partnership approach to inform young people of the opportunities available to them
- The continuous development and enhancement of My World of Work. Learners and parents can access a range of information on future career options and the different pathways. Tools have also been developed specifically for primary and secondary school pupils
- Ensure the activity being developed in projects 3 and 4 of this review which is considering how to improve learner journey's through the curriculum helps inform the advice learners receive.

Challenges and opportunities

- Opportunity to consider ways in which learners can record achievements, skills and qualifications. Collating and recording information in one area will enable learners to build a personal profile which they can utilise throughout their lives.
- Opportunity to raise awareness of digital services and its purpose to learners and parents.
- This project is an opportunity to review the current digital landscape and explore appropriate links with other digital platforms and interdependences with projects 3&4
- A challenge will remain around managing the high level of expectation learners have of digital services to help them make decisions. Throughout the process learners highlighted the need to be able to contact a professional to discuss the information they were accessing digitally.