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Welcome & Information Guide

Local People, Local Jobs, Local Futures.



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Welcome to Project Y!

Project Y is a Dorset Employment Connect initiative supporting young people under 25 in Dorset to explore their options, build a plan, and take confident steps toward meaningful employment.

It's designed to meet you where you're at and help you move forward with confidence.

We work with young people at all stages of their journey, whether you're:

- Transitioning from education into employment
- Looking for work or ready to enter the workforce
- Considering a career change or exploring new industries
- Thinking about training or further education
- New to the area and wanting to connect locally
- Unsure where to start and wanting to explore your options close to home

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Project Y is about discovering **your strengths**, **trying new experiences**, **building connections with local employers**, and **finding a path that feels right for you**. Our goal is to help young people **feel confident**, **capable**, and **connected** to real employment opportunities in their community.

Why it matters:

Stepping into the workforce can feel uncertain and scary, and it's not always easy to know where to start. That's why we believe it's important to support young people as they navigate their journey into the workforce.

Project Y is here to help you find your spark, discover local opportunities, and feel confident about your future.

It's about local people, local jobs, and local futures — and we're so glad you're part of it.



What it's like to be part of Project Y

Project Y isn't like a classroom — it's about getting out into the community, meeting real employers, and getting a behind-the-scenes look at what different jobs are really like.

We have over 50 local partnership businesses who are happy to open their doors to Project Y, offering workplace tours, sharing their experiences, and giving you real insight into their industry.

It's also about you.

What you're interested in, what you enjoy, and

what you want your future to look like.

And how we can help you get there.

As part of Project Y, you will:



Visit local workplaces

From mechanics and builders to farms, cafés, forestry, healthcare and more — explore the range of opportunities right here in Dorset, and what could be a good fit for you.



Build confidence and get work ready

We'll help you create a résumé, prepare for interviews, and build the confidence and skills you need to feel ready for work.



Learn what jobs are really like

Go beyond job descriptions and experience what a real day on the job looks like — including the skills, expectations, and pathways needed to get there.



Work one-on-one with a Youth Career Coach

Get personalised support to explore your strengths, interests and goals, and figure out what the right path looks like for you.



Connect with real opportunities

Build genuine connections with local employers who can share their experience, offer work experience opportunities, and support you as you move toward your next step into employment.

The more you put into Project Y, the more you'll get out of it.

You'll be supported every step of the way by the Project Y and Dorset Employment Connect team.

We're here to guide you, support you, and celebrate your progress.

By the end of Project Y, you will:



Have a clear understanding of the career paths available to you — and which best suit your interests, goals, and future.



Have a strong understanding of your strengths, interests, and what matters most to you - with a clear and confident sense of direction ahead.



Be set up with a work-ready toolkit — including a professional résumé and cover letter, the skills to create your own, and key essentials like a TFN, superannuation, USI, and a professional email.



Feel prepared and equipped with practical, real-world skills — and the confidence to step into the workforce.



Have real-world experience and genuine local connections — supporting your next steps into employment.



Feel confident in yourself and your next steps — with a clear, personalised plan and ongoing support from your Youth Career Coach as you begin your journey into employment.

How to get started:

1

Register your interest

Scan the QR code at the end of this booklet to fill out a short form — it takes less than 2 minutes.

2

Have a chat with us

We'll reach out to chat and learn more about you, your interests, and what you'd like to get out of Project Y.

3

Create your plan

Together, we'll map out your goals and create a plan to support your next steps.

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Get started

You'll start building skills, gaining real-world experience, and working towards what's next for you.

Everything you need to know:

When

Project Y runs throughout the year, with flexible scheduling to suit each participant. Activities are typically arranged across Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Where

Project Y is based at the Dorset Employment Connect office in Scottsdale, with activities taking place across Dorset in local workplaces and community spaces.

Cost

Project Y is completely free to participate in – there's no cost involved.

Transport

We'll help organise transport so getting there isn't a barrier – with transport provided for workplace visits and support to get to activities when needed.

Questions?

Get in touch – we're here to help and happy to answer any questions.

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Let's figure it out together.

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