



Major Big Lottery Investment in West Fife Enterprise

The awarding of £900,000 from the Big Lottery Investing in Community Fund is absolutely fantastic, we could not be happier.

We have been running highly successful employability projects for many years but this raises the bar to new levels. Normally we can assist around 80 people a year on our full time programmes we can now more than double this to 200 a year and help another 200 progress to other partners in Fife.

Our new Employability Academy provides opportunities for people aged 16-64 to gain skills, qualifications, work experience and everything they need to enter or return to employment or progress to higher level of skills or further education if that is their preferred objective. It is more flexible, more inclusive and offers more options than anything we have provided before.

Our other significant partners in this are Fife Regional College, European Structural Funds and Fife Council.

The Employability Academy will target people struggling to get into the job market and will result over the four years in 704 (88%) achieving accredited qualifications and 560 (70%) entering employment or further education.

The Employability Academy will allow us to target people struggling to get into the job market, especially people from the most deprived areas in West/Central and other parts of Fife and involve many other partners we work with on the ground.

There is a high demand amongst Fife employers to have people with skills for modern employment and we will make a significant contribution to meeting that need.

Without Big Lottery this would not be possible and through their support we will transform the lives of hundreds of Fifers currently not in the labour market. This award is the largest single grant allocation West Fife Enterprise has ever received and we can't thank Big Lottery enough for the faith they have shown us.