**Bridges Project Service Summary**

**Education and Employability Team**

**Education and Employability Coordinator Age 12 – 21 East Lothian**

* Manages the Education and Employability team, overseeing day to day operation
* Allocates referrals in to the team and works in partnership with a variety of external colleagues
* Delivers an effective employability casework service to young people
* Support to progress in to opportunities such as employment, further education and training
* Referrals to this service can be made at any time

**Employability Support Worker (Schools), Way2Work S4 East Lothian**

* Yearlong employability skills programmes for young people in S4 at 6 high schools in East Lothian
* Provides tailored support packages for young people enabling them to create and realise their career pathways
* Support to progress in to post school opportunities
* **Referrals are made once per year by schools. We do not accept rolling referrals.**

**GIRFEC Support Worker, Inclusion Support Service S2 – S6 East Lothian**

* Provides bespoke, individually tailored support packages to young people not engaging with mainstream school
* One to one intervention and group learning opportunities
* Emotional wellbeing support
* Practical support to enable young people to progress in to meaningful and sustainable destinations
* **We do not accept direct referrals for this service**

**Employability Support Worker 16+, Spark Your Future Age 16 - 24 East Lothian**

* Effective casework and group work service for young people facing a combination of barriers
* Supports young people to gain employability skills, life skills and progress to meaningful opportunities
* Provides vocational and industry specific accreditation and training
* Support to gain confidence and skills required to gain employment, apprenticeships and further education
* Referrals to this service can be made at any time

**Educational Support Worker, Support2Thrive Age 13 - 18 East Lothian and Midlothian**

* An effective casework and group work service for young people facing a combination of barriers
* Supports young people to gain employability skills, life skills and progress to meaningful opportunities
* Provides vocational and industry specific accreditation and training
* Support to gain confidence and skills required to gain employment, apprenticeships and further education
* Referrals to this service can be made at any time

**Skills for Life Team**

***Mental Health and Wellbeing***

**Personal Development Worker Age 12 – 18 East Lothian and Midlothian**

* Emotional and practical solution focused support
* Support to improve mental health and deal with challenges such as stress and anxiety
* Provides a casework service which helps young people manage the transition to adult responsibilities
* Support to build confidence, improve self-esteem, increase resilience and develop coping strategies
* **Full capacity, closed for referrals**

**Support Worker (Young Carers) Age 15 – 25 East Lothian**

* Provides bespoke, individually tailored support packages to young carers and young adult carers
* Practical and emotional support to effectively manage the dual roles of being a student and a carer
* Support to maintain good health and wellbeing and increase confidence with caring role
* Referrals to this service can be made at any time

***Independent Living***

**Independent Living Support Workers, Homemaker Service Age 15 – 25 East Lothian**

* Customised one to one support to young tenants and prospective young tenants
* Support to develop independent living skills such as cooking and budgeting
* Support to secure, maintain and sustain tenancies
* Support to navigate housing options and process
* Referrals to this service can be made at any time

**Group Support Worker Age 12 – 18 East Lothian**

* Provides a group work programme of sessions and workshops which develop life skills
* Enables young people to participate in group activities, enhancing social skills
* Supports young people to take part in social group activities such as arts and crafts, cooking and walking
* Referrals to this service can be made at any time

**Listening Peers Coordinator, Listening Peers                           Age 13 – 25                East Lothian**

* Manages this service and coordinates mentees being matched with appropriate mentors
* Peer led service in which young people experiencing specific challenges are matched with likeminded mentors who have lived experience of such challenges
* Mentors undertake relevant training before being matched with mentees
* Mentors act as supportive role models, offering first-hand advice on overcoming challenges which include being affected by the substance use of others
* Referrals to this service can be made at any time for both mentors and mentees

**Referrals**

You can refer online or download a referral form from our website:

<https://bridgesproject.org.uk/makeareferral>

You can also scan the QR code below:



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