



Falkirk



£361,613

funding delivered
in 2024-25



635

young people supported
in 2024-25

The following CashBack partners aim to support young people in Falkirk in this funding period (2023-26):

- Access to Industry
- Celtic FC Foundation
- Cyrenians
- Ocean Youth Trust Scotland
- Rangers Charity Foundation
- Scottish Football Association
- Scottish Professional Football League Trust
- The National Autistic Society
- Venture Trust
- YDance (Scottish Youth Dance)
- Youth Scotland

Read on for project details and case studies. Visit the [Falkirk](#) impact page on our website for a breakdown of project activities and spending by year.



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Partners supporting young people in Falkirk



Access to Industry

CashBack Passport provides skills-based employability training and one to one holistic support to young people aged 16-25 residing in HMP YOI Polmont and in communities across Scotland. Enables young people to gain skills regardless of length of sentence or nature of offence.



Rangers Charity Foundation

CashBack - Towards New Futures is a person-centred employability and re-engagement programme for young people who recently left prison or are at risk of involvement in the justice system. Supports integration back into community and progress to positive destinations.



Celtic FC Foundation

CashBack Gateway to Opportunities is a bespoke wellbeing and personal development project. It engages young people aged 16-24 from a variety of backgrounds who are at risk of (re)offending or those living in the most deprived areas to progress to positive destinations.



Scottish Football Association

CashBack Achieving Goals uses the 'Power of Football' to provide routes to learn, build confidence and skills, volunteer, and gain qualifications. Includes tailored 'Football Champions' (P5-P7) and 'Football Leaders' (S3-S5) strands in areas of social deprivation to gain skills and leadership.



Cyrenians

Keeping Families Together with CashBack works in partnership with Scotland's five secure centres, providing mediation and rights-based whole family support. **Key to Potential with CashBack** provides targeted outreach and careers advice for those who are not engaged in school.



Scottish Professional Football League Trust

CashBack Off the Bench is a life skills programme for young people aged 16-25 building wellbeing, employability, and confidence. Participants supported to achieve SQA qualifications, volunteering and leadership awards.



Ocean Youth Trust Scotland

On Board with CashBack is a programme aimed at changing the attitudes and behaviours of young people aged 12-25 most at risk of being involved in the justice system. Each young person participates in group work, outdoor education, and youth work aboard a 70ft yacht.



The National Autistic Society

Moving Forward+ with CashBack supports autistic children and young people, through one to one and group work, to build confidence and improve their resilience and mental health. Aimed at children not engaged in school (10-15) or not engaged in education, training, or employment (16-25).

venturetrust Venture Trust

CashBack Green Futures is a trauma-informed, needs-led, employability service for disadvantaged young people. Provides community and one to one support, including developmental and environmental activities. Builds core skills through outdoor adventure activities.

**YDance (Scottish Youth Dance)**

CashBack on Track uses dance to nurture the development and wellbeing of young people aged 10-25. Strands include programmes for care experienced young people, community diversion, young offenders in HMP YOI Polmont, and young parents/carers and family members.

**Youth Scotland**

Generation CashBack is run with Scouts Scotland, Girlguiding Scotland, and the Boys' Brigade. The programme supports disadvantaged young people to benefit from community-based youth work through group work ('Grow') and leadership and peer mentoring ('Lead').

Case study: S's story

Access to Industry

S was referred to Key to Potential due to low self-esteem and anxiety, which made attending school especially travelling by bus overwhelming and led to disengagement.

Through early conversations, S expressed an interest in childcare, which became a starting point for support. They were connected with a local primary school for a work placement, assisting in nursery and early primary classes. This hands-on experience became a turning point, boosting S's confidence and giving them a sense of purpose.

Positive feedback from staff and pupils helped S believe in their abilities and motivated them to pursue a career in childcare. After a year of consistent support and personal growth, S successfully applied for a childcare apprenticeship.



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“This achievement marks a significant milestone in their journey and is a testament to their growth, resilience, and determination.”

S's story shows how trauma-informed, person-centred support can help young people overcome setbacks, build confidence, and move toward meaningful futures.

***image does not feature case study participant**

Case study: M's story

*Scottish Professional Football League Trust
(SPFL Trust)*

SPFL Trust deliver CashBack Off the Bench in Falkirk. It is a life skills programme for young people aged 16-25 building wellbeing, employability, and confidence.

When M joined the course, they were living in homeless accommodation in Falkirk after a family relationship breakdown. After a serious illness forced them to withdraw from college, their coach at the Job Centre nominated them to join as they enjoy physical activity.

At first, M was shy and rarely spoke. Over time, they began to engage, looking happier and healthier. M shared the mentoring element helped them to open up and feel safe.

Having stability in their life, with both breakfast and lunch available, has helped boost their recovery and wellbeing.

The team supported M to get a place on a college course, and since then M has felt life is moving in the right direction.