



Midlothian



£151,416

funding delivered
in 2024-25



189

young people supported
in 2024-25

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

- Access to Industry
- Celtic FC Foundation
- Cyrenians
- Mayfield and Easthouses Youth 2000 Project
- Ocean Youth Trust Scotland
- Rural & Urban Training Scheme
- Venture Trust
- Youth Scotland

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



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Partners supporting young people in Midlothian



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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.



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.



Cyrenians

Keeping Families Together with CashBack works in partnership with Scotland's five secure centres, providing mediation and rights-based whole family support.



Mayfield and Easthouses Youth 2000 Project

CashBack 180 works with young people at risk of being involved in the justice system or risk taking behaviour through targeted programmes to provide prevention, early intervention, and intensive support.



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.



Rural & Urban Training Scheme

CashBack Academies is a diversionary, early intervention vocational training and education programme for young people 12+ who are at risk of involvement in the justice system. Engages young people in one of three new academies: Motorbikes, Boxing, and Sports & Fitness.



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.



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').



Midlothian Bonfire Night initiative

Mayfield and Easthouses Youth 2000 Project (Y2K)

Y2K deliver CashBack 180 in Midlothian. The project works with young people at risk of involvement in the justice system or risk-taking behaviour through targeted programmes providing prevention, early intervention, and intensive support.

Recently, Y2K teamed up with Midlothian Council and partners across Midlothian to offer young people positive activities for Bonfire Night and other spooky celebrations.

The “Stay spooky, stay safe, be bright” initiative started when partners recognised a need in the area. They aimed to **prevent young people engaging in unsafe or risky activities** by providing free, safe alternatives. Activities included an inflatable assault course, bowling, laser tag, trampolining, and a fire safety poster competition.



Image: Y2K

“This year, we aimed to build on last year’s success by involving a broader range of partners to identify safe spaces for young people to enjoy themselves throughout Midlothian.”

Lyndsey Ritchie, Project Manager Y2K

Response to the initiative was encouraging, with one participant sharing “This has been so much fun, I get to be a big kid and have a laugh with my pals. [...] I would love to do more things like this.”

[Read more about the initiative on our website>>](#)



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Case study: M's story

Rural & Urban Training Scheme

Rural & Urban Training Scheme deliver CashBack Academies in Midlothian. It is a diversionary vocational training and education project for young people 12+ who are at risk of involvement in the justice system.

M is in S3 in Midlothian and was nominated to the project by his guidance teacher. He is diagnosed with ADHD and finds traditional education challenging. He was using substances to self-medicate, and had already been involved in the justice system.

M is cheery and excitable, and has shown real aptitude. He has cooperated with peers in a small team to rebuild front and rear motorbike wheels with minimal guidance. He can be distracted at times, but his focus on some tasks and competitive nature allow him to engage well.

M's school attendance has improved, and the Principal Teacher in his school has noticed a positive impact.