



Scottish Borders



£14,468

funding delivered
in 2024-25



67

young people supported
in 2024-25

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

- Access to Industry
- Cyrenians
- Ocean Youth Trust Scotland
- Youth Scotland

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



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Partners supporting young people in Scottish Borders



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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.



Cyrenians

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



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

Access to Industry deliver CashBack Passport in the Scottish Borders. The project engages young people aged 16-25 in custody prior to liberation, and through community outreach in four local areas, to build on their employability skills.

S first connected with CashBack Passport while he was serving a short-term sentence at His Majesty's Young Offenders Institution Polmont.

While still in Polmont, S completed several training certifications with the support of the CashBack Passport project, and prepared a CV and letter of disclosure. When he was released, he began working with a community caseworker.

CashBack Passport participants have access to a personal caseworker in their community. Their caseworker works with the participant to agree an action plan, and take up activities and services to get the widest range of support available.



The team supported S to get in touch with a recruitment agency, and he secured work in construction.

"The support has helped me a lot and if it wasn't for the support inside and outside the jail, I prob wouldn't be working so it's helped me a lot thank you."

On release from Polmont, S moved back into the family home. He is successfully adjusting to life in the community, and adhering to his curfew. He is grateful for the support both in prison and the community, and the staff who helped him reach a positive destination.

[Read more about S's story on our website>>](#)



Case study: Andy's story

Cyrenians

Cyrenians deliver CashBack Keeping Families Together in the Scottish Borders. The project supports young people aged 10-25 and their families, providing mediation and whole family support to build stronger relationships.

Recently, the team supported Andy and his family. Andy (15) regularly ran away from home, usually ending in Andy being brought home by police. Andy's Mum would sit awake restlessly through the night.

When Andy was placed in care, he and his keyworker recognised that stronger relationships in his family may help to keep him safe, and reached out to Cyrenians.

Andy and his Mum relished the opportunity to engage with family mediation. An exhausted Mum shared her concerns for his safety without shouting. Not only did Andy listen, but he shared his own frustrations and need for privacy. He managed to negotiate reasonable curfews for his return home and acknowledge the responsibilities that come with these privileges.

Mum and Andy have had their share of disagreements since his return home, but Andy has not been brought home by the police and continues to (almost) stick to his curfews. Mum has been sleeping much better.

