



West Lothian



£206,031

funding delivered
in 2023-24



283

young people supported
in 2023-24

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

- Access to Industry
- Celtic FC Foundation
- Cyrenians
- Ocean Youth Trust Scotland
- Rural & Urban Training Scheme
- Scottish Football Association
- The Larder West Lothian
- Venture Trust
- Youth Scotland

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



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Partners supporting young people in West Lothian



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.



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.



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.



The Larder West Lothian

CashBack Community Connections provides holistic one to one and group work support for young people aged 10-25 who are involved or at risk of involvement in the justice system. Led by trauma-trained staff, focusing on reasons for offending and skills for life and work.



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.



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').



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Case study: Fauldhouse group

The Larder West Lothian

The Larder deliver CashBack Community Connections in West Lothian. The project provides holistic one-to-one and group work support for young people (10-25).

In summer 2022, 38 fires were deliberately set in Fauldhouse. Attacks were reported on the Fire and Rescue Service and local buses, as well as anti-social behaviour. Local people took to social media, seeing the young people as a threat to the community.

In response, local organisations came together to engage the young people through outreach and street work. 13 young people aged 13 and 16 were identified as key instigators, many of whom were regularly receiving charges and not in education or employment.

The staff team started engaging with the group and **building relationships**. The programme included forest clean-up and den-building sessions with officers from Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue Scotland and the Forestry Commission, further building relationships.



Image: The Larder West Lothian

None of the young people in the group have had any further charges since engaging with the programme in July 2023.

“It is heartening to see a reduction in the numbers [antisocial behaviour] in the ward, especially amongst youth. It’s obvious that partnership working in the area is working.”

*Councillor Pauline Clark,
Fauldhouse and Breich Valley*



Case study: L's story

The Venture Trust

The Venture Trust deliver CashBack Green Futures in West Lothian. It is a trauma-informed, needs-led, employability service for disadvantaged young people. It builds core skills through outdoor adventure activities.

Before joining, L was on a tag for an offence committed in 2018. He left school in S3 and struggled with ADHD, spending most days inside smoking weed. He had a job in scaffolding but left due to the staff culture of drug use.

L was exceptional on the course. He attended every session, travelling to Bridgend despite never having left Armadale previously: "I think I done brilliant."

The team supported L to develop a CV, and **built up trust**: "The way they spoke to me was decent...usually I keep things secret but I don't mind telling you."

"It takes people's mind off of stuff, I came here raging wanting to scrap people and that, now I want to get a job. You change people's lives."