



“ I’ve never stuck with a college course before. I think a lot of my success is to do with the learning support team at college – they’re really good ”



Who are they?

Access to Industry exists to support people back into education and onto employment, targeting excluded and ‘hard to reach’ groups from deprived areas with low participation rates in further and higher education in the South East of Scotland.

What Access To Industry wants to achieve...

- Create and develop new programmes delivered through partnerships with key education and training providers and employers.
- Raise awareness of and promote opportunities to recruit and enrol target groups of learners.
- Provide clear progression pathways onto accredited, more advanced and mainstream programmes.
- Provide flexible and tailored programmes, particularly for those who are moving on from particularly challenging backgrounds.
- Provide student-centred information, advice, guidance and support to retain learners.
- Monitor and review provision to ensure courses meet the learners’ needs.

Who do they support?

Access To Industry work with traditionally excluded groups of people and offer programmes that are tailored to their needs. This includes people who have been long term unemployed, single parents and those who are moving on from challenging backgrounds including care, prison, substance misuse, homelessness or street sex work.

“ After a year at college I feel like I could achieve anything. At high school they treated me like I had no future at all ”



“ I have achieved my goals in life. I have now got confidence to meet new people and do the things I want to do. Passport has really helped me be successful, and I am really looking forward to the future ”

What do they do?

Access To Industry offer a range of courses that are free and do not affect other benefits. A key component of the work is helping people develop essential core skills such as communications, information technology and problem solving.

Access To Industry Courses – are delivered in partnership with education providers, training providers and employers, exploring new and innovative approaches to curriculum design they have a strong focus on the creative industries and vocational training. Courses include; computer game design, music production technology and access to creative industries.

Passport – is an accredited employability programme providing support for people moving out of care, prison, substance misuse, homelessness and street sex work. Participants gain SQA qualifications and take part in work placements and training opportunities.

Transition – operates as a 'mini' college for people recovering from substance misuse. Structured daily programmes are offered which are accredited and offer core skills to support students to move onto further and higher education.

Access To Industry also runs a number of other programmes including in Polmont Young Offenders Institution.

Partners

Access To Industry works with a wide range of partners and is funded from a variety of sources including the South East Forum, Capital City Partnership/Fairer Scotland Fund and The Big Lottery.

For more information: www.accesstoindustry.co.uk



“ My course gave me the boost I needed and it was great fun ”