

What young people are saying

On Apprenticeships:

“I really enjoyed both elements of working and learning at the same time as completing my SVQ. That suited me much better rather than just going straight to further education.”

On our careers services:

“It’s amazing how much support I have got from SDS as well because, honestly, I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for them, because I couldn’t do it myself and now everything is changing for the better now. Onwards and upwards.”

“I feel more independent because she [SDS adviser] has helped me so much.”

What our partners say

“South Lanarkshire Council has a dedicated SDS Adviser who works with us to support looked after young people to move on to the world of work or into training. SDS recognise the importance of developing positive relationships with young people and their work with the young people who attend specialist provisions has been outstanding”

Angela Stoner, Quality Improvement Officer (Inclusion), Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

About our staff:

“She knew exactly. She understood everything I said and what struggles I had and she knew what I needed help for and she just like took it all in and she showed me different bits of support she could support me on”

“If I thought she was just doing her job, I don’t think I’d be comfortable. But I am comfortable so I think she does have an interest and care”

How to get in touch

Find your local Careers Centre
myworldofwork.co.uk/centres

Call our helpline
0800 917 8000

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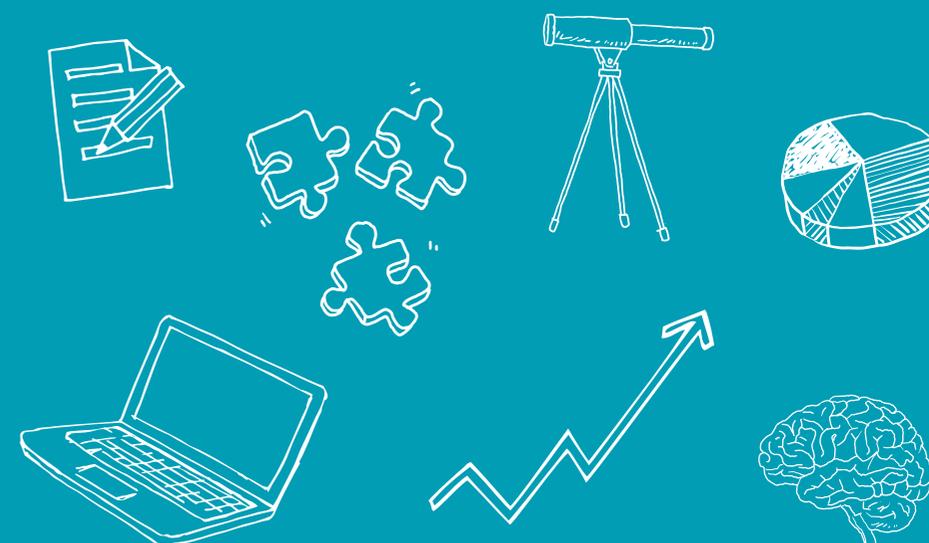
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What does it mean to have Skills Development Scotland as a Corporate Parent?



Being a Corporate Parent

SDS became a Corporate Parent along with other organisations including councils, colleges and universities with the 2014 Children and Young People Act.

“Corporate parenting is about certain organisations listening to the needs, fears and wishes of children and young people, and being proactive and determined in their collective efforts to meet them.”

scotgov.co.uk

This leaflet has information on how we can help you and how you can get in touch with us.

Care experienced young people who have used our services have told us what they think and how SDS has helped them.

We've spoken to care experienced young people about what they want from us as a Corporate Parent. And this is what they told us we need to do:

Build strong relationships with me and genuinely care about me and my future.

Be consistent and resilient, stick with me when I struggle to engage and be there for me to come back to.

Have high aspirations for me and encourage and support me to pursue and achieve my goals.

Focus on my long term future and help me to see and plan smaller steps that could help me get where I want to be.

Show me that the service is endorsed and recommended by previous care experienced customers.



Career Management Skills help you make informed and confident choices about your next steps. Working together we'll build your Career Management Skills.

Career Management Skills help you understand your Self, your Strengths, your Horizons and your Networks so you can make the right career decisions for you.