Who we are

As the national skills body, we aim to deliver the very best outcomes for Scotland’s people, businesses and the economy. We work with our partners including local authorities and employer bodies to drive skills planning and development, promote the value of work-based learning and fulfil greater equality of opportunity for all. With more than 1,400 staff working across the country we deliver services for individuals and employers that help them to achieve their ambitions. We are committed to making skills work for communities across Scotland.

What we do

Through our partnerships in East Renfrewshire, we deliver services that are based on local need, making a real difference to the community and economy.

Using skills intelligence we aim to improve the response of education and training to the needs of industry so that people have the best possible chance of succeeding in the world of work.

Opportunities for individuals

We want to ensure that people in East Renfrewshire have the right skills and confidence to secure good work, progress in their careers and achieve their full potential in today’s competitive world of work.

We provide careers information, advice and guidance, development of career management skills, as well as our Apprenticeship Family offer through Foundation, Modern and Graduate Level Apprenticeships.

From April 2017 to September 2017

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<td>1,335 Registrations</td>
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<td>69 Aged 16-19</td>
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<td>36 Aged 25+</td>
<td>79% Achievement rate for MAs</td>
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Career Information Advice & Guidance

We provided 4,616 Engagements with 3,112 Individuals

2017 Annual Participation Measure (16-19 year olds)

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Thornliebank’s John McFarlane never thought his Modern Apprenticeship would lead to appearances on national television. 19 year old John completed his apprenticeship in horticulture and landscaping with Rouken Glen based social enterprise, Yes Works Ltd. He was part of the ‘Grow Wild’ project that transformed a neglected plot of land into a wild flower park.

Through his apprenticeship, John has featured on BBC’s Countryfile and was invited to collect a National Lottery Award live on TV. He said: “I wasn’t very willing to try new things when I was at school in case I failed, so I never passed a test.

“I couldn’t have imagined being the person that I am today, full of confidence and motivation. My apprenticeship has taught me so much more than horticulture, it has changed me forever.” Yes Works Manager, Colin Higgins, said: “John excelled during his apprenticeship, growing from an introverted and shy individual into a valued team member who is eager to learn.”

In Your Area Page
Your local page provides you with key data, labour market information, reports, and further information on the support we provide to individuals and businesses in your area. You can also look up where your nearest SDS office is located. sds.co.uk/in-your-area/east-renfrewshire

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