

## College helps break down barriers



Dundee and Angus College recently secured funding through the Scottish Government's Child Poverty Fund to help increase engagement with the most vulnerable members of our communities.

This important initiative aims to break the long-term cycle disadvantaged young people can face by providing intensive support to reduce barriers, improve skills and facilitate access to training and qualifications.

Part of this funding is currently supporting a fourteen week course for young people aged 16-19 entitled Find Your Future. This incorporates digital, hospitality, engineering and construction – sectors which are growing fast and where new employment opportunities are emerging.

This programme provides opportunities to engage in behavioural change, boost self-confidence and improve physical fitness and well-being. The candidates will develop employability skills while gaining introductions to employers and a guaranteed interview for further training. At the end of the course they will have created a sustainable action plan for the future.

Broader based projects are also planned to engage and empower lone parents, carers and Care Experienced young people in the Angus and Dundee areas. The aim is to enhance accessibility and uptake within education and employment through a programme of positive interactions and opportunities.

The college hopes this concentrated support will re-engage disengaged young people in our communities and help them focus on a positive future.

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