



DYW D&A Business Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the DYW Dundee and Angus April newsletter.

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If you have an interest in supporting a school with some virtual activities please get in touch with our team by emailing contact@dywda.co.uk

[Click here](#) to read our Business Booklet for inspiration!

Flexible Workforce Development Fund



The **Flexible Workforce Development Fund** (FWDF) is available for workforce development training to up-skill and re-skill your existing workforce.

By accessing the FWDF, employers in Scotland:

- Have the flexibility to choose the training that best meets their needs*.
- Can use the Fund to address priority skills gaps; increase productivity and/or support economic recovery.
- Can access tailored training in high-quality learning environments.
- Engage and motivate existing employees by offering them high-quality training to bring the greatest benefits to your organisation.
- Can use the Fund to completely cover training or to partially cover training at a higher cost.

FWDF will work with you to create a tailored training package to suit the particular needs of your organisation. For an idea of the types of topics training can cover, please see the **bespoke training** page.

- SMEs (any business with less than 250 employees) can access up to **£5,000**.
- Levy payers can access up to **£15,000**.

All training will be certificated and achieve a recognised return on investment. Applications are being accepted from **now until July 2021** on a first-come-first-served basis.

*Please note that legislative qualifications or training are ineligible through this fund.

To apply visit: [Flexible Workforce Development Fund \(dundeeandangus.ac.uk\)](https://www.dundeeandangus.ac.uk/flexible-workforce-development-fund)

Calling All Companies!



Calling all companies...some requests from local schools for assistance with ongoing classroom projects:

Monifieth High School's Barista team is now setting up a designated cafe where pupils will serve and sell hot drinks and cakes as part of the requirements of their qualification. Pupils have been actively involved in setting up all aspects of their barista business, including training staff, creating menus, dealing with suppliers, banking and making deliveries. As such, if any companies could support or donate any kitchen units or work tops it would be greatly appreciated.

Harris Academy's Modern Languages department is interested in engaging with organisations who could give input into French, Spanish and German films, and artists from these countries who may be involved with local cultural projects. They would also be keen to work with an importer/exporter to French, Spanish and German speaking countries.

Carnoustie High School are planning to create a garden project and are looking for a company to gift horticultural supplies to help get the project up and running - plants, vegetables, outdoor storage, for example. They are also looking to source spare unused plain mugs (with no design) and remnant materials (cloths) for other projects.

And **Baldragon Academy** are looking for horticultural supplies, particularly additional gardening equipment to help with their rural skills course that is due to run next session.

If you can help out please contact Michael@dywda.co.uk

Thanks!

Tay Cities Skills Board Survey

As part of the work being undertaken by the Tay City Deal Skills Board, a project is being developed to look at the alignment of employer engagement across the region, to ensure that businesses aren't approached by different organisations and agencies asking them for very similar things to help them with employability, and to simplify the employability landscape.

This piece of work is being led by Jane McEwan of DWP and Hilary Roberts of DYW Dundee & Angus. To help in this work Jane and Hilary are asking as many local

businesses as possible to undertake a short survey to map our the current situation.

It would be incredibly helpful if you could take a few moments to complete the survey which you can access [here](#)

Your opinion will directly influence the outcome of this project so your help is greatly appreciated.

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Developing the Young Workforce

Would you like to be part of our Career Inspiration Series? Launched last year, **Developing the Young Workforce** Dundee & Angus (DYW) in partnership with **Barnardo's Works** and **Angus Council**, have been creating 5-10 minute pre-recorded videos consisting of a Q&A with individuals from a range of different jobs across Dundee and Angus to highlight the different pathways young people can take. The films are published on our website as well as YouTube and social media.

The videos are utilised within schools and other organisations that support young people to help them gain an insight into the different careers available locally, highlighting the importance of #NoWrongPath as we hear about the diverse career journeys that led these individuals to their current job.

If you would like to contribute a video please contact michael@dywda.co.uk or find out more [here](#)

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