

# Skills Development Scotland

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Update

August 2023

# Service Delivery in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

## School Service Offer

### Campbeltown Grammar, Islay High School, Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Tarbert Academy

Our careers advisers work delivering career guidance to enable young people from S1-S6 to develop their Career Management Skills via a range of group work and 1-1 coaching conversations. We work closely with our partners within the school to identify young people who are considered most at risk of not making a positive progression from school. Helping those young people to develop their career management skills and move onto education, employment, or training when they leave school. For more information click this link [What We Do - Scotland's Career Service](#)

## Update

### School Leaver Destinations Follow Up

Over the school holidays we are currently contacting all school leavers from Campbeltown Grammar, Islay High School, Lochgilphead Joint Campus and Tarbert Academy (**approx.200 pupils**) to ensure that they have secured a positive destination post leaving school and offer support to any that haven't.

- These results will be published by the Scottish Government sometime in the new year.
- Please click here to see last year's results. [Scottish Government School Leaver Destinations.](#)

### Exam Results Helpline

Almost 145,000 learners across Scotland will receive their SQA results on Tuesday 8 August 2023

Skills Development Scotland's (SDS) Results Helpline will be there to offer information, advice and guidance to Scotland's young people and their parents and carers.

The SDS Results Helpline number is **0808 100 8000** – this goes live on results day and SDS's expert advisers will have access to information on course vacancies at UK colleges and universities, Confirmation and Clearing, advice about Foundation, Modern and Graduate Apprenticeships and jobs, volunteering, training, or staying on at school.

The 2023 Results Helpline opening hours are:

- Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 August - 8am to 8pm
- Thursday 10 and Friday 11 August – 9am to 5pm

## Post School Service Offer

Our Next Steps service supports young people aged 16 – 18 (extended to 26 for care experienced young people) who are unemployed, helping them to build up their career management skills and move on to and sustain a range of options as appropriate. We also offer a service to any adult who wishes to develop their career management and employability skills and move into employment or support a career change.

Individuals can access face to face help at our local centres;

**Campbeltown**, 40 Hall Street, PA28 6BU (based within JobCentre Plus). Please contact **01586 552795** for an appointment.

**Islay**, Islay High School, Flora Street, Bowmore, PA43 7JY. Please contact **01496 545 990** for an appointment.

We also can offer virtual and telephone support if required.

# PACE: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE)

PACE is the Scottish Government's initiative dedicated to responding to redundancy situations. Through providing skills development and employability support, PACE aims to minimise the time individuals affected by redundancy are out of work. PACE brings together 24 organisations, together with the Scottish Government to provide free and impartial advice, guidance and support for individuals affected by redundancy. Our PACE activity is co-ordinated by our Chair Pamela Little.

## Update

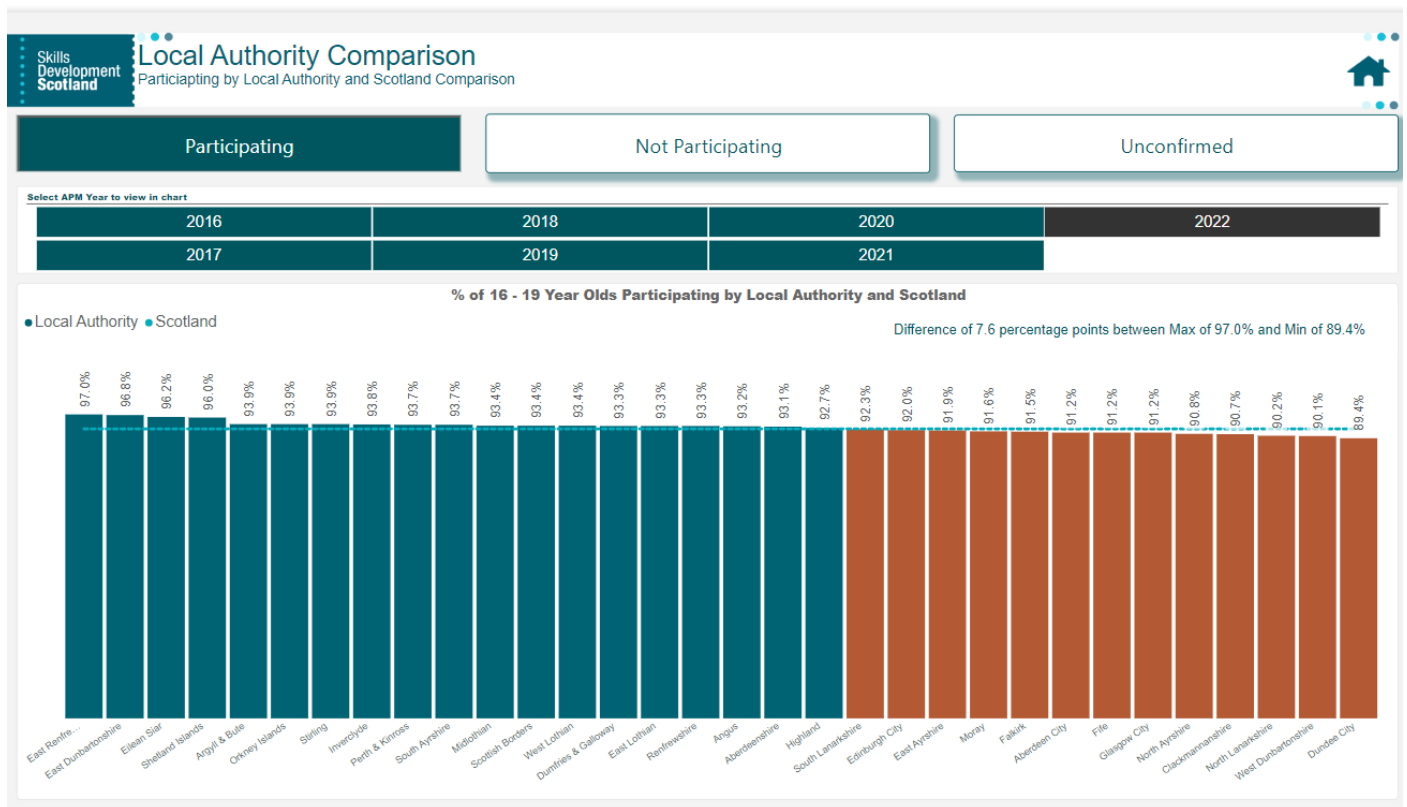
- In the current quarter of the financial year, we have had **limited** PACE activity. Please contact [pacenationalteam@sds.co.uk](mailto:pacenationalteam@sds.co.uk) for any further information

## Annual Participation Measure

The Annual Participation Measure (APM) reports on the education and employment activity of 16 to 19 year olds in Scotland. It is the source of the Scottish government's national performance indicator "Percentage of young adults 16 to 19 year olds participating in education, training or employment".

The APM method takes account of all status of 16- to 19-year-olds in Scotland over one calendar year from the 1st of April to the 31st of March. We report on if they are participating, not participating and unconfirmed is based on which status an individual spent to the greatest numbers of days within the year.

See below the Annual Participation Measure from 2022



## Update

- The 2023 Annual Participation Measure is due to be published on 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- This link will take you to the where the information will be published [Link to Annual Participation Measure](#)

## Local Partnership Support

SDS local teams are involved in supporting the following partnerships.

- DYW – supporting our DYW colleagues with employer events in schools.
- Local Employability Partnership - member of the LEP
- Corporate Parent responsibilities – supporting Corporate Parent Board and working closely with the Through Care Forums
- CLD – supporting CLD Partnership Board
- Community Justice – member of Community Justice Board

## Skills Development Scotland - General Update

### Review of Skills Landscape Published

Scottish Government has published the report and recommendations from the Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape. It was led by James Withers, formerly Chief Executive of Scotland Food & Drink. This report follows consultation, a call for evidence and submissions from a range of stakeholders.

The full report and recommendations are available here [Fit for Future: developing a post school learning system to fuel economic transformation](#)

### Employer Support

Skills Development Scotland works directly with employers across Scotland, providing trusted advice that helps employers invest in existing skills, develop new talent using equal and inclusive recruitment, and get the right products to grow their business.

### Update

- Find out more at our new employer hub [SDS Employer Hub](#) or contacting us on 0800 783 6000

### Local contact

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### Further information

[skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk) - Corporate Website

[myworldofwork.co.uk](https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk) - for all your work, skills and learning needs

[apprenticeships.scot](https://www.apprenticeships.scot) - for all the latest on apprenticeships