

## ERI Programme

- £20m Long Term Unemployed ERI programme announced (57 public and third sector job placements locally, minimum 25% third sector allocation)  
Third Sector may be aware that Scottish Government have announced a £20 Long Term Unemployed programme to support funded jobs across public and third sector organisations.  
For Falkirk this will mean an allocation of around £570,000 to support 57 opportunities with a minimum commitment to support 25% of these opportunities within the third sector, based on £10,000, this is based on 26 weeks, 30 hours on National Living Wage.

ETU are expecting the grant offer letter to arrive next week with more details being provided.

How can we share with sector?

How can we build capacity of smaller orgs to be involved? (will there be funding for this?)

## National /Local Updates

- Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work announces phase 2 of the SG NOLB Strategy will be implemented in April 2022. This will see an end of the SDS Employability Fund programme and SCVO Community Jobs Scotland contracts, with funds being transferred to Local Authorities and local provision agreed and governed by the LEP
- Cabinet Minister announces a further 2 year extension to PESF Child Poverty funding. No written confirmation received to date.
  - Further LEP input and support required to reach in work poverty participants to this programme
- YPG 5 year commitment: The current allocation runs until March 2022 and the sub group have agreed to commission a pilot community engagement and gateway provision service to identify and support young people who have not sustained initial positive destinations, disengaged or those we have no information regarding currently participation. This will provide us with greater insight to plan for longer term resource in this area.
  - Commissioning is also underway regarding the LEP decision to commission community engagement activity to support the co-design and co-production of services for young people. This will compliment the work being undertaken in the Participatory research group facilitated by CLD
  - ERI allocations on target, and wider use across LEP partners requires further development
- Data Developments
  - Through the No One Left Behind allocation all 32 LA's are commissioning support to provide a National data set to support planning at local level. A webinar will be arranged to present a similar tool being utilised across the Glasgow City region and will provide insight into wider impact such as poverty levels locally
  - 16+ data set: SDS and DWP have agreed a new data sharing agreement that will provide additional information on claimant status for 16-24 year olds. It is

anticipated the information will begin being utilised to inform local data sets from Nov this year. This will assist our LEP re our data improvement actions and future planning and commissioning locally.

- LEP Webinars: SG, LA's and Improvement Services are currently developing a number of webinars to provide insight into a variety of support tools being developed to support the role of LEP locally to implement the Scottish Approach to Service Design aligned to the NOLB strategy. This will include;
  - Data Sets
  - Continuous Improvement Tools
  - Service Standards, Shared Measurement Framework, Customer Charter, Service Design Maturity Assessment
  
- ESF End of Contract Dec 2022 (No update re Shared Prosperity Funding)