**Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce**

**(Developing the Young Workforce Group)**

**Job Advert**

**Developing the Young Workforce Project Officer**

**Full Time Fixed Term until 31st March 2021**

**£26,000 per annum**

## “It is our vision to deliver a partnership across the region which will ensure a positive destination for every young person and to transform the relationship between business, the third sector and education for the benefit of all three and for the wider regional economy.”

Are you passionate about development, equity and equality for young people?

Would you like to be involved in delivering a strategy which raises the aspirations and broadens the horizons in young people so they are able to make more informed and supported decisions about next steps, through and after education?

Do you have experience of working in employability, with young people and employers and possess excellent communication skills with a can do attitude?

If yes we would love to hear from you.

DYW Edinburgh, Midlothian and East Lothian are recruiting a Project Officer to join our small team based in central Edinburgh with travel throughout the region. We are looking for a confident communicator with the ability to work with employers, young people, teachers, parents and other partners involved in our work. The role will support the increased engagement with our regional ambitions of:

**Deliver an improvement in employers’ engagement with schools and colleges in the region** by encouraging and supporting more employers to actively collaborate with schools, colleges and other learning structures to better align skills supply and demand- delivering increased economic and societal impact from investment.

**Encourage and support employers to open up job and development opportunities to more young people** and invest in their career development- stimulating increased economic growth, productivity, and earnings.

**About DYW**

Developing the Young Workforce (DYW), [Scotland’s Youth Employment Strategy](https://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/DYWResponseYouthEmpl%20Strategy_tcm4-853595.pdf); asks business to be more involved in shaping and recruiting youth talent. Through DYW Educators and businesses work together as co-investors to create a skilled workforce for Scotland’s future.

Employer led groups are established across Scotland to deliver the strategy alongside partners including local authorities, schools, colleges and Skills Development Scotland. The Edinburgh, Midlothian and East Lothian Group has been operational for 2 years and has demonstrated much impact to date.

DYW is essentially about delivering a step change in employer engagement, making it easier for businesses to engage in a meaningful, appropriate and outcome driven way to help shape and recruit young talent.

To further deliver this ambition the small team are now looking for a Project Officer to work with us on key aspects of delivery.

Find out more about the regional work at [www.edinburghchamber.co.uk/dyw](http://www.edinburghchamber.co.uk/dyw) and our joint projects at [www.theguarantee.org](http://www.theguarantee.org) and [www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/marketplace](http://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/marketplace)

**How to apply:**

Please apply in writing with a CV and Cover Letter to [Michelle.Fenwick@edinburghchamber.co.uk](mailto:Michelle.Fenwick@edinburghchamber.co.uk)

Closing date is Friday 26th January 2018

Interviews are expected to be held week commencing 29th January and week commencing 5th February.

The position is required to start as soon as possible.