

# Supporting Care Leavers into Education, Employment and Training

## Corporate Parenting Panel

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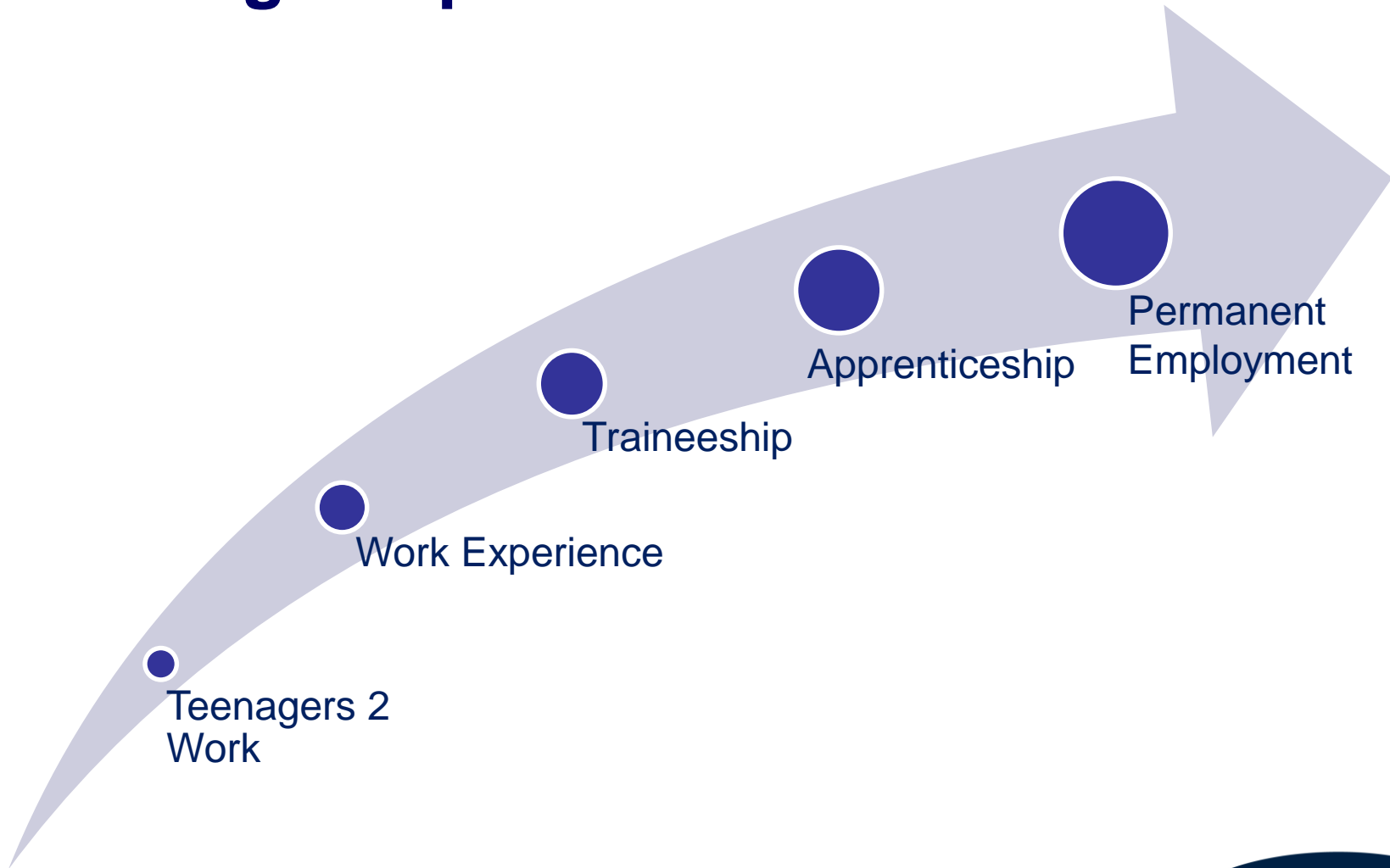
# DurhamWorks Update

- EU funded, DCC led partnership project that supports young people aged 16-24 who are unemployed.
- Programme extended until July 2021 – aim is to support over 10,000 young people and overall project value is £29.04m.
- Care Leavers will continue to benefit from:
  - Wrap-a-round support from Special Progression Advisors
  - Bespoke activities to motivate and prepare for EET
  - Employer based opportunities
- 390 Looked After / Care Leavers have been supported to date. Of these, 160 have completed, with 134 progressing into EET – a rate of 83.8%.

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# Durham County Council Pathway for Young People



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- Direct Services - work experience for 4 young people, including 2 undertaking extended work experience agreed with Jobcentre Plus.
- Clean and Green Team - 5 young people undertaking employment through intermediate labour market model.
- Measures to support Care Leavers into Apprenticeships include guaranteed interview, informing relevant services when a Care Leaver applies for an opportunity, advising lead officers of responsibilities, etc.

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# Performance Data

	Nov 2018		Nov 2017	
	All 16-17	LAC/CL	All 16-17	LAC/CL
<b>Total Cohort</b>	9,769	113	10,384	136
<b>Participating in Learning</b>	90.4%	76.1% (86)	90.2%	75.0% (102)
<b>NEET</b>	4.4%	15.9% (18)	4.8%	16.2% (22)
<b>Not Known</b>	2.8%	1.8% (2)	2.4%	6.6% (9)

Local Authority CCIS, Department for Education, November 2018 and November 2017.

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# Case Studies

## M

- M has been supported by DurhamWorks since the beginning of the programme – ensuring continuity.
- M completed a Traineeship for Care Leavers with County Durham Adult Learning and Skills Service, which included a work experience placement.
- Is undertaking an extended work experience placement with Refuse and Recycling (Direct Services, Regeneration and Local Services).
- Is undertaking training (including English and maths) with County Durham Adult Learning and Skills Service.

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# Case Studies

## A

- A has had previous episodes of employment but nothing sustainable. Has also had periods of homelessness.
- A is being supported by DurhamWorks and thier housing situation is now stable.
- Was working through an agency but the employment ended before Christmas.
- A is commencing work experience followed by a Traineeship opportunity with Highways Services (Regeneration and Local Services).
- A is keen to start and would like to progress to an Apprenticeship in the future.

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# Future Plans

- Expand the DCC Pathway for Care Leavers.
- Introduce pre-Apprenticeship training and support for Care Leavers participating on DurhamWorks to enable them to maximise their opportunity at being successful in applying for DCC Apprenticeships.
- Explore the potential to ring-fence a proportion of DCC Apprenticeship opportunities for Care Leavers.
- Review the Education, Employment and Training aspect of the Local Offer in other Local Authority areas, in order to identify any opportunities for additional support.

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# Future Plans

- Work more closely with the North East Raising Aspirations Partnership in order to encourage more Care Leavers to take up opportunities to learn about Higher Education.
- Investigate the feasibility of introducing the Stepladder of Achievement Programme in County Durham.

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- Continue to monitor progress to support Care Leavers into sustained Education, Employment and Training opportunities.
- Promote DurhamWorks Programme to Care Leavers and other young people.

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