

Economic Convenor drops in at jobs event



People seeking help getting into work or training were offered free advice at a special event at McDonald Road Library, today.

The drop-in [event](#), organised by The City of Edinburgh Council's [Get On](#) service in partnership with key employability organisations from across the city, aimed to connect job seekers with specially trained employability staff.

Attendees took part in a range of activities and workshops including:

- CV clinic
- live vacancy stall
- job search drop-in
- information stalls

The event also marked the launch of the new Employability Helpline number: 0131 529 6161. The helpline offers access to advice for those seeking to get into work or training. It also offers support on money matters, housing, and health, through a consortium of partners acting as an Integrated Employability Service.

Economic Convenor Councillor Frank Ross said: "Events like today's are all about equipping people with the information, skills and confidence they need to get out into the job market. The people I have spoken to today are ready and willing to offer their skills to society, and Get On offers a gateway through to services aimed at providing them the best possible chance to make that contribution.

"We recognise how high a priority employment is to people in

Edinburgh, which is why our budget for 2013/14 reinstated £800,000 in grant funding to employability services in the city. That's in addition to the £1m to continue supporting the Edinburgh Guarantee, targeted specifically at creating opportunities for young people".

