

Council will help Prince's Trust find new premises in the city



At last week's Children and Families Committee the council agreed that the council will help set up a new employment and enterprise hub for young people along with the Prince's Trust.

The intention is to help young people between the ages of 13 and 30 get back into work, education training or indeed to help them set up a new business. The Prince's Trust has helped more than 80,000 young people set up in business since 1983.

Councillor Paul Godzik, Convener for the Education, Children & Families Committee at the City of Edinburgh Council, said: "Linking up with the Prince's Trust will give us a fantastic opportunity to further increase positive destinations for our young people here in the capital. The Edinburgh Guarantee has proved a real success and anything that can take this to the next level is to be welcomed.

"Finding a base for the Prince's Trust here in the city can only be a win win situation for everyone involved. The hub in Glasgow is a really fantastic facility and if we can replicate this in Edinburgh it will provide a huge opportunity to build on our successes."

Allan Watt, Prince's Trust Scotland, Director, said: "Since we opened our new centre in Glasgow, more than 5,000 young people have come through the doors. We want to build on this success and give more young people in the east of Scotland the same chances in life.

"A new Prince's Trust youth hub will give young people more

opportunities for training, employment and enterprise. We are looking forward to working with City of Edinburgh Council and other supporters to help turn this into a reality.”

The charity helps disadvantaged young people who might be unemployed or struggling at school. Many of those helped by the Prince’s Trust are either in or leaving care, facing homelessness or mental health issues. The Trust says that three in four of those supported by its work move on into work, education or training.

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