## Police officers provide road safety education at 'Young Drivers' event

This week Police Scotland officers have been working with The City of Edinburgh Council and other partners for the annual 'Young Drivers' event in Edinburgh.

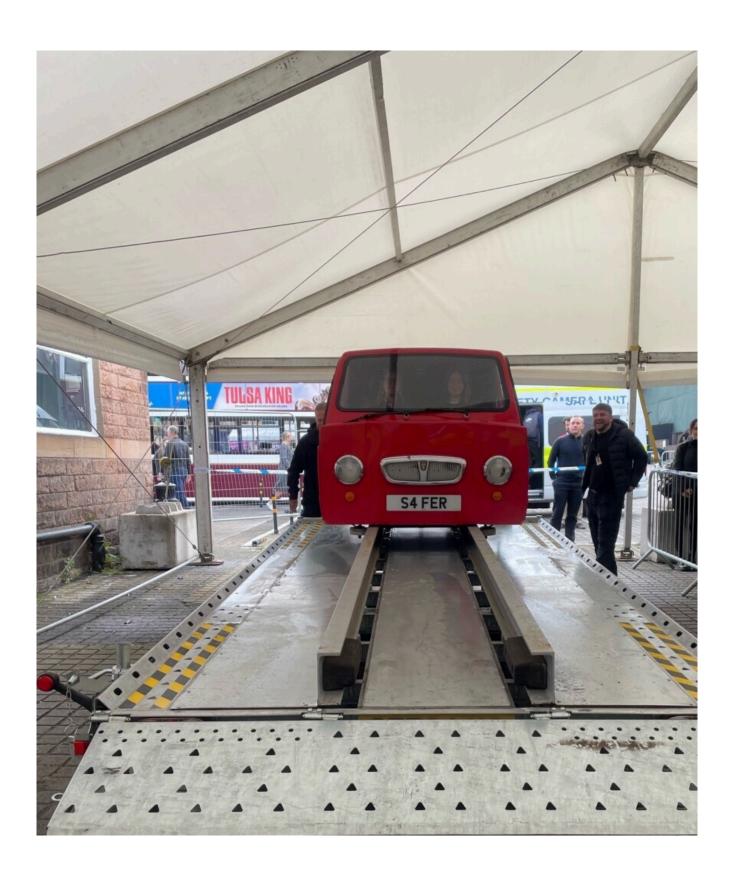
During the event officers provide road safety education to young people in an attempt to challenge attitudes towards dangerous driving and decision making whilst within a vehicle or on a bike.

All secondary schools within the Edinburgh Council Local Authority were welcomed and officers spoke to thousand pupils.

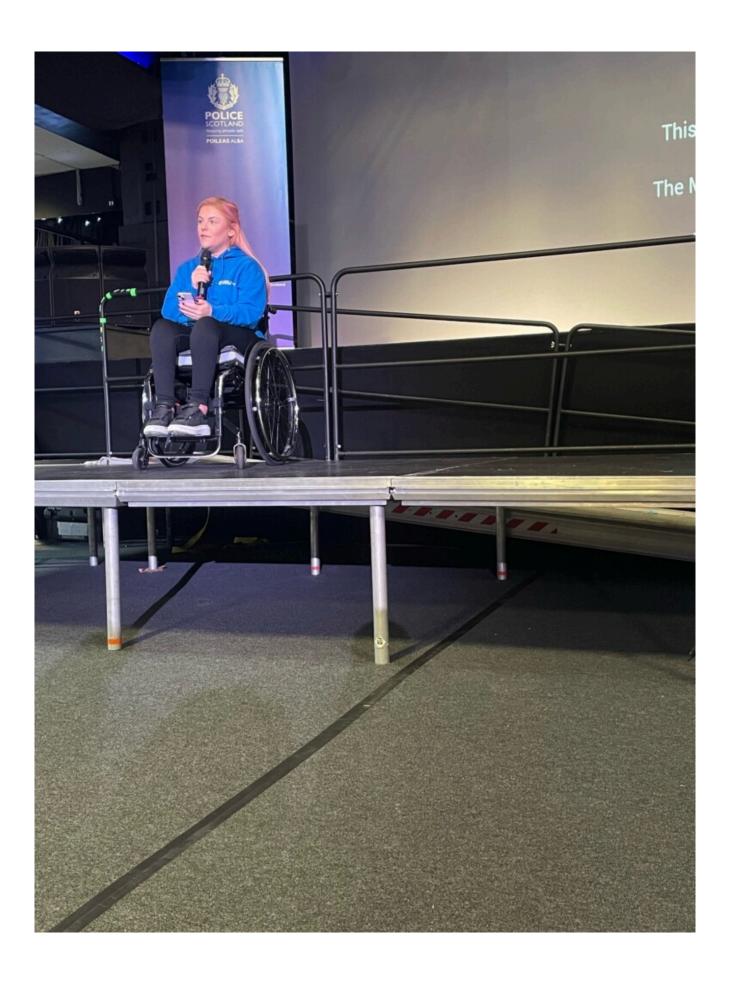














The overall aim of the intervention is to engage directly with young people with a view to:

- Reduce the number of young drivers involved in fatal and serious collisions.
- Improve the hazard perception of young drivers and influence future behaviour.
- Raise awareness of the consequences of inappropriate behaviour.
- Encourage individual skill development and further driver training.

Police Scotland also welcomed Laura from <u>Spinal Injuries</u> <u>Scotland</u> who spoke to pupils about her own experiences being involved in a car accident at a young age.

Pupils took part in several workshops and simulators which

allowed them to consider factors which may impair and impact their driving ability.

A spokesperson said: "Thank you to all partners and attendees for joining us in shaping a safer future for our young drivers."