**Snippets Bulletin**

**31 August 2020**

The opportunities listed here have been sourced to be particularly suitable for school and college leavers looking for apprenticeships and entry level jobs. Any websites mentioned may have other opportunities suitable for a wider age range or more experienced applicant.

Do you need help to apply for any of these opportunities? If so, please phone 01506 434249 to speak to one of our advisers.

This bulletin is updated on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

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| New! Taylor Wimpey currently has the following apprenticeship vacancies:   * Apprentice Painter and Decorators, Livingston - <https://jobs.taylorwimpey.co.uk/vacancies/1629/>. * Apprentice Bricklayer, Edinburgh - <https://jobs.taylorwimpey.co.uk/vacancies/1630/> * Apprentice Carpenter, Dunfermline - <https://jobs.taylorwimpey.co.uk/vacancies/1628/apprentice_carpenter/>   Closing date for all vacancies 10 September. |
| New! Scientific Services Modern Apprentice, Scottish Water, Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh - <https://bit.ly/3lzz7lG>. |
| New! Apprentice Vehicle Technician, Porsche Centre, Edinburgh - <https://bit.ly/3gJMtYP>. Closing date 10 September. |
| New! Apprentice Administrative Officer, Office of the Advocate General, Scottish Government. This post is based at Queen Elizabeth House, the new civil service hub near Waverley Station, Edinburgh –  <https://bit.ly/2DfDFwb>. Closing date 11 September. |
| New! Apprentice Light Vehicle Mechanic, Advanced Autos, Longstone, Edinburgh - <https://bit.ly/2G6CxvK>. Closing date 11 September.  Training provider is SMTA.  As advertised on [www.apprenticeships.scot](http://www.apprenticeships.scot) |
| New! Admin Assistant – Governance and Legal Services Graduate Apprenticeship, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh - <https://bit.ly/3gGDmrF>. Closing date 6 September.  As advertised on [www.apprenticeships.scot](http://www.apprenticeships.scot) |
| New! Trainee Chef, Salt Café, Morningside, Edinburgh - <https://bit.ly/3biP22T>. Closing date 18 September.  As advertised on [www.apprenticeships.scot](http://www.apprenticeships.scot) |
| New! Plumbing and Heating Apprentice, Richard Irvin FM Ltd, Loanhead - <https://bit.ly/3jr2rc7>. Closing date 18 September.  As advertised on [www.apprenticeships.scot](http://www.apprenticeships.scot) |
| New! Kwik Fit Apprentice, Morningside, Edinburgh - <https://bit.ly/3jvkHAY>. |
| New! Early Years / Childcare Apprentice, Edinburgh - <https://bit.ly/31Ga6xc>. Closing date 8 September.  Training provider is Azilo Training. |
| Creative Media / Digital Marketing Apprentice, Medicine Africa, Edinburgh (home based) - <https://bit.ly/2Pts0wi>.  Apply via [www.sixthsense.scot](http://www.sixthsense.scot). |
| Light Vehicle Service Technician, Roseburn Garage, Edinburgh - <https://bit.ly/3aDnxRh>. Closing date 29 Sept. Training provider is Remit.  Apply via [www.apprenticeships.scot](http://www.apprenticeships.scot) |
| Stores – Customer Service Host (8 hours), Dunelm, Livingston - <https://bit.ly/348eo1U>. Closing date 4 September. |
| Kitchen Assistant, Brucefield Farm, Livingston - <https://bit.ly/3aiIaBY> |
| Retail Assistant, Screwfix Trade Counter, Linlithgow - <https://bit.ly/3iyBMcN>. 16 hours per week. Closing date 6 Sept. |
| Retail Assistant, Pagazzi Lighting, Livingston Designer Outlet - <https://bit.ly/3fQXFT9>. 16 hours per week.  Apply via [www.Indeed.co.uk](http://www.Indeed.co.uk) |
| New! Production Operative, Young’s Seafood/Macrae’s, Starlaw Business Park, Livingston - <https://bit.ly/3fPOhz8> |
| New! **Free** online Sound Production Course, The Academy of Sound and Music, Edinburgh. This will take place over six weekends starting 5 September.  Course content involves hands-on experience with Logic Pro X or Reaper, learning a host of useful skills and gaining knowledge that will help in home recording and enable participants to continue with further study in Sound Production.  Participants will create a minimum of two productions that showcase mixing ability whilst developing knowledge and understanding of the creative industry sectors and how to generate sustainable income and readiness for employment in the music industry.  In order to successfully complete the course, participants will need to have access to the following resources:    1.    A computer or laptop (Mac or PC)  2.    Internet Connection  3.    Recording Software (Logic Pro X or Reaper)  4.    Headphones or Speakers  5.    For anyone looking to include recording elements into your projects you must also have an audio interface, microphones, instruments and cables    Whilst on the course, participants will get access to the Academy of Music and Sound dedicated online learning resources which are filled with excellent video tutorials, support documents and guidance videos. In addition to this content, there will be two classes a week and one to one sessions with your tutor.  This course will run over 6 weekends starting on September 5th, with classes on Saturday and Sunday. Times will vary depending on your choice of software (Logic Pro X or Reaper).  This course is FREE to anyone over the age of 14 and is currently a Scottish resident.  To enrol, please follow this link:  [https://www.academyofmusic.ac.uk/short-course-music-scotland-apply/](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.academyofmusic.ac.uk%2Fshort-course-music-scotland-apply%2F&data=02%7C01%7Clinda.strathdee%40sds.co.uk%7C2a50b50708904fc1e7e808d83fa63147%7C33ca6d475e4f477484f1696cbb508cbe%7C0%7C0%7C637329330312986856&sdata=PK9XtaxFxYJsob4aQ0PQUZ%2BgXt3e7qk7ZiiKSYCoCVY%3D&reserved=0).  Website has still to be update with up to date information so if you have any questions, please phone 0131 656 0600. |
| EGKTA is currently looking for candidates who would like to be considered for apprentice engineering opportunities in the West Lothian area. If interested, please take a look at their website <https://www.ekgta.com/apprenticeships/candidates> and apply using the online application form. Initial training takes place at the EGKTA premises in East Kilbride, then at company premises in West Lothian. All travel costs reimbursed. |
| West Lothian Council currently has the following opportunity in care:   * Support at Home Care Workers, various locations across West Lothian – <https://bit.ly/3eLf4vZ>. Part-time 25 hours. Closing date 30 Sept. |
| Apprentice Supply Chain Operative with the Royal Signals (Army) – [https://bit.ly/2X70Maw](https://bit.ly/2X70MAw) |
| Hospitality Unite is currently advertising:  Full-time Care Assistant, Tippethill, Armadale - <https://bit.ly/30ntO0m>. |
| Home Carers, 1st Class Care, Livingston Village. Part-time and full-time positions available to care for people aged 16 – elderly. Company will put employees through SVQ 2 if they don’t already have it. To apply, applicants can call into the company office at 5 Fairbairn Place, Livingston Village, phone 01506 412698 or email [lynnmcavoy@1stclasscare.co.uk](mailto:lynnmcavoy@1stclasscare.co.uk). Applicants need to be 17+. |
| Home Care Assistants, Care 1 Professional Services Ltd, Glasgow is looking for staff in West Lothian. No qualifications required. Company will pay for PVG. Applicants need to be 18+.  If interested, phone Kayleigh or Mary on 0141 222 5796. Interviews will be held in West Lothian. |
| Aldi currently has the following vacancies in West Lothian:   * Store Management Apprentice - Houstoun Road Livingston, Almondvale Road Livingston, Bathgate, Linlithgow and Whitburn * Career Starter – Stores, Livingston (Almondvale Road), Bathgate, Linlithgow, Whitburn and Houstoun Road, Livingston. * Store Assistant – Houstoun Road, Livingston, Bathgate and Whitburn.   <http://bit.ly/2x1u19A> |

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| **Just left school?** Skills Development Scotland is hosting a series of Career Jam webinars to support you as you take your next steps after school.  Careers advisers discuss topics including college and university applications, online or phone interviews and labour market information.  The sessions are recorded so you can watch them whenever suits you.  Episodes available are:  Episode 1 – How your careers adviser can help you  Episode 2 – Interview helps and tips  Episode 3 – Applying for college  Episode 4 – University  Episode 5 – Employment and the labour market  Just keep in mind you won’t be able to ask any questions as they aren’t live.  If you need more advice or support, you can call our helpline on **0800 917 8000**, which is available Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.  <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/school-leaver-webinars> |

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| **DYW (Developing Young Workforce) recently broadcast a series of webinars for young people.**  **The DYWUp2U episodes included conversations and Q&As with employers, young people and specialists.**   * **Episode 1. Jobs and apprenticeships. Hear what it’s like to be in a job or apprenticeship, find out what sectors are recruiting and where you can go to find opportunities in your area.** * **Episode 2. College. Hear from young people about their college experience, how you can find courses that interest you and what pathways are available to and from college.** * **Episode 3. University. Find out about the university experience from current students and graduates, hear why employers recruit graduates and what’s involved in the university application process.** * **Episode 4. Training and Volunteering. Find out about the benefits of volunteering and training and how this pathway can support your steps into employment or further education.** * **Episode 5. One Small Step. A motivational broadcast from comedian and keynote speaker, Gavin Oattes.**   **Interested? Watch the episodes on YouTube:** <https://bit.ly/2ENRges>**.**  Developing Young Workforce Job Board can be accessed here: - <https://www.dyw-wl.com/jobs-board> |

RAF Apprenticeships

The RAF is closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation as it unfolds and are continuing to follow the latest Government advice. To keep everyone as safe as possible during this time, they have decided to adjust their recruitment process. All face-to-face visits to Armed Forces Careers Offices are now suspended and some stages of the recruitment process are on hold but please be reassured all applications remain ‘live’.

The RAF Recruitment Team

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/afco-covid19>

Army

The army is still accepting applications, but have made some temporary changes to their recruitment process:

[https://apply.army.mod.uk/covid19https://apply.army.mod.uk/covid19](https://apply.army.mod.uk/covid19)

The army offers the following apprenticeships:

Public services and health • engineering • telecommunications • animal care • IT • logistics • construction • business admin • <http://bit.ly/2IN3lQa>

Royal Navy

At this time the Naval Service Recruitment process continues to operate, however some areas of the process will be adapted to ensure that they meet Government guidance. There are 64 different types of apprenticeships available in the Royal Navy. The following roles are currently being recruited for with a high priority, but there’s many more to choose from:

Communications information systems specialist • communications information systems specialist (submariner) • Engineering technician (weapon engineering – submariner) • warfare specialist (submariner)

<http://bit.ly/2ZnE5Fw>

Jobs at Edinburgh Airport

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| Various jobs advertised. See below for a selection and please check the website for more details and a wider selection of opportunities: <https://careers.edinburghairport.com/careers/>   * Line Chef, various roles available – All Bar One * General Catering Assistant – Alpha LSG Ltd * Various positions available – Body Shop * Rental Service Agent – Europcar * Kitchen and Bar Positions – Wetherspoons |

[www.positive-destinations.co.uk](http://www.positive-destinations.co.uk)

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| * West Lothian Steps N2 Work wage subsidy opportunities have certain conditions - Opportunities are open to West Lothian Residents only. * Applicants aged 18 and under must be unemployed, applicants 19-24 must be 3 months unemployed or have previously engaged with MCMC or GRFW. * No current vacancies |

Agencies

Check websites for current vacancies

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| Blue Arrow, Lennox House, Almondvale Boulevard, Livingston, EH54 6QP. Tel 01506 412229.  Applicants must be 18+.   * [www.bluearrow.co.uk](http://www.bluearrow.co.uk) – Currently has production and packing opportunities in the Livingston area. |
| Connect Appointments, Houstoun Interchange in Livingston - 01506 449944.  Applicants must be 18+. |

Careers at Sea

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| Looking to pursue a career in the merchant navy? Clyde Marine Training, Glasgow is the UK’s largest maritime training provider and they accept applications for officer cadetships (deck, engineer and electro-technical) and ratings cadetships. More information can be found at <https://www.clydemarinetraining.com> |

Community Jobs Scotland

<https://bit.ly/3h6k6oB>

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| Only unemployed 16 – 29 year olds in one or more of the following vulnerable groups can be referred to a Community Jobs Scotland vacancy:   * Young Offenders – who are currently in custody * Any unemployed 16 – 29 year old with a criminal conviction (includes Community Payback Orders); * Military Early Service leavers – i.e. those who did not serve their full term of 6 years; * Care Leavers or Care Experienced * Homeless person (including temporary or unstable accommodation) * Person affected by substance misuse (i.e. alcohol, drugs); * Carer (can also include a Lone Parent); * Person with a disability (includes moderate mental health issues or long-term health conditions); * Person with lower than SCQF Level 5 qualification (i.e. standard grade credit or SVQ 2); * Work Programme completers who remain unemployed; * 16 – 19 year olds currently participating on an Activity Agreement; * Adviser Discretion (which can include people who live in a SIMB area; Lone Parents; Ethnic Minorities; Refugees or Person with immigration status allowed to undertake employment.   **Eligibility Criteria:**   * must be unemployed * must be job ready (stage 4 employability pipeline) but some leeway as we are dealing with vulnerable young people who may need more support * must have no other start dates pending * can be recommended by relevant local authority employability services.     **Current Opportunities:**   * Web and Social Media Assistant, Kidz-Eco, Bathgate - https://bit.ly/39X4FfA |

Useful to Know

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| New Benefit! A new benefit has been introduced to support 16 to 24 year olds into work if they have been unemployed for six months. Applications opened on Monday 17 August.  Job Start Payment is a one off £250 payment to help with the costs of starting a new job. The upper age limit rises to 25 for care leavers and the payment rises to £400 if the person has a child.  <https://www.gov.scot/news/new-benefit-for-young-people-starting-work/> |

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| **Individual Training Accounts**  Get up to £200 towards the cost of a training course with an SDS Individual Training Account (ITA).  Use the money to build the skills you need for a job, or get training to take your career to the next level.  Whatever you want to do, there's a wide range of ITA approved courses on offer. Because it's not a loan, you don't have to pay it back.  **Applying for your ITA**  Between now and 31st October 2020, Skills Development Scotland will accept up to 14,000 applications for an Individual Training Account.  Start searching for an ITA approved course and apply online:  [**https://bit.ly/2ZBLKSW**](https://bit.ly/2ZBLKSW) **(restrictions apply).** |

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| Timpson’s offer free dry cleaning of clothes for interview. This offer is open to people who are unemployed and seeking work. You don’t need a voucher, just ask at the counter to get the deal. There currently isn’t an end date to this offer and it is running in every store that has dry cleaning facilities – about 300 stores across the UK. For more information, please see <https://bit.ly/2YXka1b>. |
| Edinburgh Zoo usually looks for is currently looking for public engagement and education volunteers.  **However, due to recent Government guidelines surrounding Coronavirus (Covid-19), their volunteer programme is now on hold. Please feel free to complete a volunteer application, but please note that it may be some time before they are able to reopen the volunteer programme and respond to shortlisted candidates.**  <http://bit.ly/2AZBTKK>. |
| DBM Construction in Bathgate accept speculative CVs – <http://bit.ly/2Prj4X7> |
| Young Carers Grant: New benefit for Young Carers aged 16-18 in Scotland - <https://bit.ly/2sHSsKj> |
| National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage rates<https://checkyourpay.campaign.gov.uk/#are_you_under_25_>  The hourly rate for the minimum wage depends on your age and whether you’re an apprentice. You must be at least [school leaving age](https://www.gov.uk/know-when-you-can-leave-school) to get the National Minimum Wage and aged 25 to get the National Living Wage - the minimum wage will still apply for workers aged 24 and under.  Current ratesThese rates are for the National Living Wage and the National Minimum Wage. The rates change every April.   | **Year** | **25 and over**  **Living Wage** | **21 to 24**  **Min Wage** | **18 to 20**  **Min Wage** | **Under 18**  **Min Wage** | **Apprentice**  **Min Wage** | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | April 2020 | £8.72 | £8.20 | £6.45 | £4.55 | £4.15 |   Apprentices  If you are in your first year of your apprenticeship, then you are legally entitled to at least the apprenticeship National Minimum Wage of £4.15 per hour.  If you are aged 19 or over and have completed the first year of your apprenticeship, then you are legally entitled to at least the National Living and Minimum Wage rates relevant to your age group. |