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# **Shirlie Project - Try it out**



#### What is Try It Out?

When you join us on the Try it Out programme you will work with your own Shirlie Project job coach. We take time to get to know you, establishing what you like (and what you don't!). We will help you develop your own individually tailored action plan which is designed to support you in gaining the skills and confidence you need to start work.

You may already know the job you want, but if not we use tools and exercises to find a role that would best suit you.

We will work with you to find a positive work experience placement with a local employer and will work with the employer to develop a training plan built around you. Our support continues while you are in placement. If at any stage you feel your placement is not suitable we can explore alternative options. We can, if needed, offer in-work support where for a limited time we will join you in your placement and have hands-on involvement in your training.

When you feel more confident and have gained the skills and experience you need, we will help you seek suitable paid employment, additional work experience or volunteering activities.

You can start with us on Try It Out at any time throughout the year.

### Who can apply?

You can join us if you are aged 18+ and not in education, training or employment. This opportunity is available to people living in Ross-shire, Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey, Skye and Lochalsh and Lochaber. This programme is funded by The Highland Council Employability Service.

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If you live in Caithness and Sutherland contact the <u>Highland Council Employability Service</u> for details of the local provider.

### What can you achieve?

The main skills you will develop include:

- Positive work experience and skills to add to your CV.
- Increased confidence in and understanding of a real working environment.
- Employability skills including sourcing vacancies, CV skills, completing applications, interview skills.

#### Could I get a training allowance?

You will continue to receive your DWP benefits. We have a dedicated benefits advisor who can work with you to ensure you are receiving all you entitlements.

#### Who do I contact to find out more?

Please contact our Inverness Office - details below - for an informal chat.

If you are registered with the Job Centre speak to your local Job Centre Plus Advisor or contact the <u>Highland Council Employability Service</u>.

#### **Further Information and Contact Details**

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