

# Edinburgh Strategic Skills Pipeline Provision 2026-2027

| Stage 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Stage 2                              | Stage 3                                                                                                                                                                                      | Stage 4                                                                                                         | Stage 5                                                                                                                                                    |
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| REFERRAL, ENGAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND BARRIER REMOVAL | VOCATIONAL ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                                                          | EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT AND JOB MATCHING                                                                            | IN-WORK SUPPORT AND AFTERCARE                                                                                                                              |
| NEST Third Party Grants (Stage 1-5): Third sector led support for people requiring specific barrier removal or from area of multiple deprivation. 1,143 places                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Moving Forward (Stage 1): Support for school leavers. 230 places                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                      | Next Step Edinburgh (Stage 2-4): Employability service, including specialist support for BAME community. 360 places                                                                          |                                                                                                                 | Advance (Stage 5): In-work employment support with income maximisation 140 places                                                                          |
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| EnCompass (Stage 1-5) and EnCompass Homeless Pilot: Support for people with a history of substance misuse, criminal justice, and homelessness 280 places                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Local Growth Fund (Stage 1-5): UK Government initiative to drive regional economic growth 455 places                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Moving Forward for Parents (Stage 1-2): Support for parents of school leavers. 130 places                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                              | FUSE (Stage 4-5): employer led recruitment for the St James Centre and BID area. 200 places.                    |                                                                                                                                                            |
| <div><br/>CEC/Govt funding<br/>4158 places</div> <div><br/>External funding<br/>260 places</div> <div><br/>City Deal funding<br/>4000 places</div> |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                              | Integrated Employer Engagement (Stage 4-5): To maximise the benefits of employer engagement initiatives.        |                                                                                                                                                            |
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| ESOL for Employability (Stages 1-5): Supports people to build the language, confidence and practical skills needed to access work, further education, training, and wider opportunities 450 places                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                            |



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