

Major boost for young people with 80 new Youth Hubs as Scottish Premier League partners with DWP

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- 80 new Youth Hub locations confirmed across Great Britain.
- Scottish Premier League partners with DWP to support Britain's Youth Hubs - taking jobs and opportunity straight to the heart of communities.
- Expansion builds on commitment for every local area across Great Britain to have a Youth Hub.
- Work with wider stakeholders - including the English Premier League - ongoing, to give every young person access to support locally.

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Youth Hubs bring together Jobcentre Plus, local authority services, employers and training providers under one roof to support young people aged 16-24.

As part of this expansion, every Youth Hub will meet a set of minimum standards, ensuring young people can access on-site jobcentre support alongside mental health and housing support, skills and training opportunities, careers guidance and direct connections to employers with live job and apprenticeship opportunities.

The expansion is the latest step towards bringing Youth Hubs to every area in Great Britain to establish a national network and address the almost one million young people not earning or learning - a rise of 248,000 between 2021 - 2024 - so that every young person can progress wherever they live.

To mark the expansion, the Work and Pensions Secretary opened Scotland's first Youth Guarantee Jobs Fair in Glasgow's iconic Concert Hall, bringing employers, training providers and support services together to connect young people with jobs, skills and opportunities in the area.

Over 2,400 young people looking for work met leading employers including Scottish Power, HSBC, Barclays, Police Scotland, the Army, Royal Air Force, NHS24, Kier Construction and the Scottish Premier Football League Trust.

Work and Pensions Secretary Pat McFadden said:

Today marks a major boost for young people with 80 new Youth Hubs and Scotland's first Youth Guarantee Jobs Fair driving opportunity.

We are delivering support in every region, connecting young people with employers, and

meeting them where they are so they can move into work, as we reform the welfare state into a working state.

This is about breaking down barriers, opening doors and ensuring every young person can earn or learn, wherever they live.

The Scottish Premier Football League Trust will partner with DWP to deliver Youth Hubs across Scotland, as the Government continues its drive to deliver support to young people where they are. This builds on work across England, where Premier League is working with DWP to support the Youth Guarantee and help young people access jobs, training and support.

Nicky Reid, SPFL Trust Chief Executive, said:

We're extremely proud to have been chosen to deliver these vital Youth Hubs in partnership with the DWP across the country.

Football clubs and their associated community trusts are places where many young people feel a strong sense of connection, making them a natural fit for this programme.

These initiatives will play a crucial role in helping participants access the training and support they need to take the next step in their careers or education.

Youth Hubs will be expanded to over 360 areas across Great Britain over the next three years, from Manchester and Salford to Dundee and Newport.

The 80 new Hubs are launching across Scotland, Wales and England with delivery already well under way and the expansion seeing Youth Hubs open from November 2025.

Today's announcement is part of the £2.5 billion investment in the Youth Guarantee and changes to the Growth and Skills Levy to prioritise young apprentices, which together create 200,000 jobs and apprenticeship opportunities.

This includes a Youth Jobs Grant worth £3,000 for employers for every young person they hire aged 18-24 who has been on UC for six months, an expanded Jobs Guarantee for 18-24-year-olds, and new foundation apprenticeships in key sectors.

These commitments come alongside the government's expansion of its innovative 'Pathfinder' programme to Nottingham and the North East, following early success in Wakefield. Like the Youth Hub model, Pathfinders bring together local councils, mayors and health teams and partners to design employment support that reflects the specific needs, employers and job markets in each community.

The Pathfinder programme forms part of the government's broader ambition to move away from a one-size-fits-all approach to employment support, providing personalised, practical help to people before they reach crisis point.

These steps show the Government's commitment to ensuring every young person has the opportunity to earn or learn.

Additional Information

Already open: (9)

Peterborough (Nov 25), Portsmouth, Mansfield, Halton (Jan 26); Torbay, Cornwall, Blaenau Gwent; (Feb 26), Newcastle upon Tyne, Nottingham (Mar 26).

Locations of new Youth Hubs to be delivered:

England: Kingston upon Hull; Hastings; Knowsley; South Tyneside; North East Lincolnshire; Thanet; East Lindsey; Boston; Bolton; Swale; Gateshead; Ipswich; Rossendale; Salford; Nuneaton and Bedworth; Bolsover; Dover; Gosport; Sefton; Southend-on-Sea; Bassetlaw; Folkestone and Hythe; Bury; Gravesham; North Tyneside; Basildon; Northumberland; Medway; Luton; Telford and Wrekin; Manchester; Fenland; West Lindsey; Tamworth; Gloucester; Eastbourne; King's Lynn and West Norfolk; Newark and Sherwood; Brent; Newham; Amber Valley.

Wales:

Caerphilly; Rhondda Cynon Taf; Merthyr Tydfil; Torfaen; Neath Port Talbot; Newport; Denbighshire; Conwy; Wrexham; Isle of Anglesey; Pembrokeshire; Carmarthenshire

Scotland:

West Dunbartonshire; North Ayrshire; South Lanarkshire; Clackmannanshire; South Ayrshire; Fife; Falkirk; West Lothian; North Lanarkshire; Dundee City.

Existing Youth Hubs

Note: There are 112 open Youth Hubs across 88 Local Authorities.

Local Authority	Region	Number of open Youth Hubs
Blackpool	North West	1
Hartlepool	North East	1
Middlesbrough	North East	1
Hyndburn	North West	1
Bradford	Yorkshire and The Humber	3
Walsall	West Midlands	1
Sunderland	North East	1
Burnley	North West	1
Blaenau Gwent	Wales	1
Sandwell	West Midlands	1
Doncaster	Yorkshire and The Humber	2
Barnsley	Yorkshire and The Humber	1
Wolverhampton	West Midlands	2
Redcar and Cleveland	North East	1
Halton	North West	2
Birmingham	West Midlands	2
Rotherham	Yorkshire and The Humber	1

Local Authority	Region	Number of open Youth Hubs
Rochdale	North West	1
Blackburn with Darwen	North West	1
Oldham	North West	1
St. Helens	North West	1
Tameside	North West	1
Wakefield	Yorkshire and The Humber	1
Wirral	North West	1
Calderdale	Yorkshire and The Humber	1
East Ayrshire	Scotland	1
Pendle	North West	1
Chesterfield	East Midlands	1
Enfield	London	1
County Durham	North East	1
Dudley	West Midlands	1
Torbay	South West	2
Wigan	North West	2
Haringey	London	1
North Lincolnshire	Yorkshire and The Humber	1
Redditch	West Midlands	1
Isle of Wight	South East	1
Bridgend	Wales	1
Kirklees	Yorkshire and The Humber	1
Havant	South East	1
Liverpool	North West	4
Erewash	East Midlands	1
Glasgow City	Scotland	3
Barking and Dagenham	London	1
Preston	North West	1
Lewisham	London	1
Sheffield	Yorkshire and The Humber	6
Croydon	London	1
Wyre Forest	West Midlands	1
Leicester	East Midlands	1
Plymouth	South West	1
Cumberland	North West	2
Coventry	West Midlands	1
Renfrewshire	Scotland	1
Wyre	North West	1
Warrington	North West	1
Solihull	West Midlands	1
Waltham Forest	London	2
Stockport	North West	1
Leeds	Yorkshire and The Humber	2

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Swansea	Wales	1
Portsmouth	South East	1
Ealing	London	1
Cornwall	South West	3
Worcester	West Midlands	1
Hounslow	London	1
Islington	London	1
Worthing	South East	1
Southampton	South East	1
Herefordshire	West Midlands	1
Lambeth	London	1
Bristol	South West	1
Brighton and Hove	South East	1
Aberdeen City	Scotland	1
Westmorland and Furness	North West	2
Westminster	London	1
Trafford	North West	1
Shropshire	West Midlands	1
Hammersmith and Fulham	London	1
Barnet	London	1
Basingstoke and Deane	South East	1
Spelthorne	South East	1
Oxford	South East	1
Woking	South East	1
Mole Valley	South East	1
Surrey Heath	South East	1

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