

## Clued Up Project

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### To improve the employability potential of young people 12 – 25 years who are affected by substance misuse.

Since 1994 Clued Up has worked with young people, aged 12 to 25, who use alcohol and drugs and it has remained responsive to the varying patterns and trends of substance use. Clued Up provides a comprehensive “youth friendly” support and information service with young people in the Fife area, also targeting the wider issues of general well-being, safety, relationships and lifestyle.

Despite being Fife wide for young people 12-18, Clued Up is only able to offer a follow-on service that provides a continuity of care to young people up to the age of 25 in limited areas and the Kirkcaldy area where the base premises is located. This Lloyds TSB Partnership Drug Initiative funding will allow the expansion of our follow on employability focussed service to the Methil and Benarty area of Fife.

The funding will enable Clued Up to employ more staff, use premises in other locations and seek to deliver activities like those on offer in Kirkcaldy for those aged 16-25.

By providing drop in, one to one support and group work activities. We will offer a flexible asset-based approach to suit the needs and interests of each individual, the project aims to:

- Increase employability prospects of young people affected by substance misuse.
- Network with other agencies to build relationships.
- Strengthen referrals to other pathway providers.
- Improve joint working between other third sector agencies and the public sector in relation to employability.
- Offer a flexible service and meet individual needs to assist these young people in achieving their employment goals through the provision of job coaching, training, support, advice and working in partnership with employment specialists.
- Ultimately improve their life chances and reduce specific barriers to employment