

# W DUNBARTONSHIRE PROJECT SEARCH NEWSLETTER



## Participant Spotlight

Hi, I'm Molly, the editor of our newsletter. It's been amazing working with my friends on this project – and even more exciting that we pulled it all together in just two days



## Kicking Off Project SEARCH in West Dunbartonshire

We've just started our journey on Project SEARCH, – a pioneering programme originally developed in the United States. Its core mission is to support individuals with additional support needs by helping them gain meaningful work experience through structured job placements.

This 9-month programme begins with a 4-week employability course designed to build confidence, develop key skills, and prepare participants for real-world work environments.

As this is our very first week, we've decided to create a newsletter as a collaborative project – a way to document our journey, celebrate progress, and share stories from everyone involved.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### \* Mental Health Talk

Sept 23, 2025

On Tuesday, we welcome Mr. Ian McFarlane for a talk on mental health.

### \* New Musician

Sept 25, 2025

This Thursday, we welcome a new musician.

### \* September Weekend

Sept 29, 2025

Next week, we'll be off Friday and Monday for the September weekend holiday

## This weeks highlights

This week, we explored a range of topics including identifying strengths and weaknesses, the purpose of work, communication skills, core values, personal skills and interests – and an introduction to public speaking.



## Meet the participants



Hi, I'm Thomas, I'm 28, and I enjoy playing games on my phone in my free time



My name is Freya Early, I am 21 years old. I like Rock music; I enjoy family holidays.



I'm Arvin, 22, interested in admin work but open to customer service roles



My name is Brandon. I am 19 years old and I want to be a social worker for children



My name is Daniel. I am 27 years old. I am a gamer who aspired to be a bricklayer.



My name is Alan. I am 21 years old and my hobbies are photography



My name is Jason. I aspire to be a painter and decorator in construction



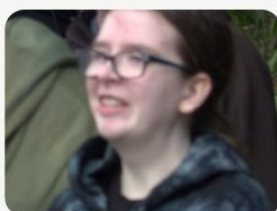
My name is Adam. I am 22 and my biggest passion has always been graphic design



My name is Molly and I am 21. I enjoy watching movies like Harry Potter and James Bond.



My name is Darren. I am a young man who enjoys gaming



My name is Leah. I am interested in animals and anything to do with being creative.



### Photo Gallery

## Capturing the Moment: Brandon & Allan Behind the Lens

All the photographs featured in this newsletter were taken by our talented photographers, Brandon and Allan. Their eye for detail and timing has beautifully captured the energy and spirit of the first week.

We think you'll agree – these images tell the story of our journey so far with clarity and creativity. Well done to both of them, and we're excited to see what they'll share with us next week!

## Get Involved!

We're always looking to build meaningful connections with individuals and local organisations who share our passion for inclusive employment. Whether you're an employer, community partner, or someone who simply wants to support our journey, we'd love to hear from you.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact us – together, we can make a real difference.