Getting Connected

What is Getting Connected?

Getting Connected is a digital skills learning programme available as part of the European programmes supported through Dumfries and Galloway Council’s Employability & Skills Service. The project is run by The Hub.

Getting Connected is a programme of activity designed to support individuals with identified gaps in digital skills.

What do participants do on the programme?

Once referred and registered on the programme, individuals can attend weekly sessions aimed at:

* Assisting in applying for benefits
* Carrying out Universal Job Match searches
* Creating and uploading CVs
* Applying for training and job opportunities
* Identifying other support and learning needs and making appropriate referrals to other agencies

Clients have the option of progressing onto a rolling programme of two hours per week for up to four weeks. Participants can attend each of the sessions in any order and do not necessarily have to complete all four sessions in one block but can do so over a period of time.

This programme covers all aspects of the Scottish Government’s Digital Inclusion Framework. The programme will build transferable skills, knowledge and capacity of people to independently use computers in their day to day lives and increase their levels of employability readiness.

The rolling programme includes:

* Creating and using email
* Creating Word Documents
* Using Skype
* Searching the internet
* Buying safely online

For people who successfully complete all four learning sessions they can obtain the One Award accreditation which equates to a Level 2 award on SCQF.

Who is eligible?

Individuals must meet the European Social Fund (ESF) eligibility criteria of two or more barriers to employment.

How can I refer an individual to Getting Connected?

To access Getting Connected, participants must first be registered with DG Employment TAP, who will determine their eligibility for ESF. Participants should be referred using Dumfries and Galloway Council’s Employability and Skills Service referral form.

Getting Connected can be delivered in locations throughout Dumfries and Galloway.

Where can I get more information?

**For more information please contact**

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