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Virtual Work Experience Scheme, a creative approach in response to the challenges of lockdown for young people in Argyll and Bute

InspirAlba, have partnered with local social enterprises across Argyll and Bute to offer a range of Virtual Work Experience Opportunities.

In response to the challenges of Lockdown, and as part of an ongoing commitment to support young people in work experience and raise awareness of social enterprise, the placements will run from 22nd February 2021 until 24th May 2021.

‘InspirAlba have supported young people through a range of employability and learning opportunities over the past ten years.’ commented Ailsa Clark, Development Manager for InspirAlba

‘We are very aware of the challenges that the current Covid19 context creates for young people and are delighted to be working with a range of partners to support and promote virtual work experience opportunities. These will not only contribute to local community benefit, but also provide an opportunity for young people to learn new skills and gain valuable work experience’

With a 2/3-hour time commitment each week, placements include; support with research and planning, community engagement, and digital marketing to name a few. With no necessary qualifications or experience required, we are looking for a willingness to learn and the enthusiasm to create a positive impact in your community.

In return, young people will have access to training opportunities, award schemes such as The Saltire Award and the accredited Youth Achievement Award, and the chance to collaborate with other young trainees in an area-wide project. Furthermore, the extended nature of the project allows young people to gain a fuller insight into the working world and create an experience sure to stand out on Personal Statements, CV or with future employment applications.

Rosie Sumsion, Youth Outreach and Engagement Worker, highlights “We want to set a standard of work experience which puts personal development at the heart of our activities. In turn, I look forward to seeing our local communities reap the benefits of these partnerships. We are creating a (virtual) space for young people to grow and create a meaningful impact in their communities, by working in social enterprise. I hope this programme will inspire similar activities across the social enterprise sector”

Those interested can find the list of opportunities and applications at www.inspiralba.org.uk/work-experience-and-employability-opportunities/

Applications close at 9am on 5th February 2021

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