A local effect?

Third sector support at a local level for young people considered NEET in Scotland

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Pre-pandemic – stubborn youth unemployment rates

Why young people? (16-25)

Post-pandemic - economic inactivity?

Long-term scarring effects



Multi-layered and complex employability landscape

Why third sector employability provision?

Third sector organisations involved in welfare-to-work market

Less policy understanding of smaller TSOs providing programmes at local level



Aims & Outcomes

- Analyse the contribution of TSOs to employability support provision at the local level (for 16-25y/o)
- Understand the opportunities and barriers for TSOs in providing employability support.
- Understand young people's experiences of third sector employability provision.

Benefits to Clackmannanshire organisations

- Outsider perspective.
- Insight into how young people experience employability support.
- Articulate TSO impact in this policy area to decision-makers & policy makers e.g. via policy brief.
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Research timeline

2022 - Jan to Dec

- Fieldwork
 - Part 1: TSO & Stakeholder Interviews
 - Part 2: In-depth TSO case studies

2023 to 2024 Analysis, write-up, dissemination



Project origins









Autumn 2020 - 2021

 Project begins, proposal development 2022 (tbc) Collaborative workshop



Final things

Thank you to all of you who have already been involved in supporting the research

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Please get in touch if you or your organization are interested in being involved in this research – either as interviewees or to discuss being one of the case study TSOs

