

# DfC update on another phase of the JobStart Scheme for Young People

**From:** DfC Corporate Communications  
**To:** DfC Stakeholders  
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Dear Stakeholder,

The Department for Communities has today announced the launch of a new JobStart Scheme, an employability Scheme for young people.

This launch builds on the success of the first JobStart Scheme and will provide quality job opportunities with a range of employers, in all sectors across Northern Ireland. The Scheme is aimed at young people aged 16-24 who are at risk of long-term unemployment and those with additional barriers to employment.

The first JobStart Scheme ran from April 2021 to March 2023 and had over 1,700 young participants. The Scheme led to very positive outcomes for our young people with 77% of those who completed their JobStart opportunity remaining in employment.

The Department has been allocated £15 million, over a two year period, to run a second phase of the Scheme. The funding has been provided by the Northern Ireland Office under the New Deal for Northern Ireland initiative and has been awarded as part of a joint package with the Department for Economy and Invest NI. [A press release outlining the funding allocated was issued today.](#)

Detailed information on the new JobStart Scheme is available on the [nidirect website](#)

Information for employers is also available on the [nibusinessinfo website](#)

If you have any further queries you can call the JobStart team on 028 90726788 or by email at [jobstart.scheme@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:jobstart.scheme@communities-ni.gov.uk).

Yours Sincerely,

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