



PEN PICTURE: Kibble Education And Care Centre

Kibble Education and Care Centre is Scotland's national specialist provider of child and youth care services. We offer specialist care to young people (5-25) with complex social, emotional, behavioural and educational challenges. Our wide range of services is fully integrated ensuring a smooth transition for young people as they progress on their Kibble journey.

A great deal of our work centres around encouraging young people to re-engage with learning, whether it's through tailored education or supported employment. We ensure the most disadvantaged young people in society have the opportunity to develop skills for learning, life and work.

"The staff gave me full support and helped me manage my emotions. I am now an independent young woman who can see a positive future and a successful career."

Young Person, (S6 - studying 3 Highers)

Our Education and Young Workforce Development team works with young people and empowers them to build sustainable futures underpinned by the Kibble values of safety, structure, stability and success. We offer school age pupils the opportunity to work towards industry recognised vocational qualifications whilst continuing to study for SQA qualifications. This model, which often links in with potential employers, ensures that we maximise outcomes for learners in post-school destinations.

"My job at KibbleWorks was initially for six months and in that time I got loads of training and the chance to do an SVQ2. Between working and learning I now feel I've got a really good start to my career path. Getting paid every month is brilliant too – I feel really independent!"

- Young Person, KibbleWorks

KibbleWorks, our collective of youth training and employment enterprises has over a decade of experience in offering flexible, responsive and tailored employability support for young people (16+) facing barriers to employment. Young people can upskill and improve their job prospects through an integrated programme of vocational training and work placements in a diverse range of areas. As an accredited centre, we also offer City and Guilds and SQA qualifications. The recent opening of The Experience, at Hillington Park in Renfrewshire, further strengthens our provision. Operating as a themed entertainment and events venue, it will provide a minimum of 50 transitional jobs per annum for young people aged 16+.

As a direct outcome of Kibble's approach, young people are confident with aspirations to access employment opportunities. The combination of employability skills, vocational qualifications and work experience offers young people an excellent foundation to pursue their chosen career path and ultimately a successful, independent life.