

## Summer Edition

### *Welcome to our Summer Newsletter!*

DYW Borders has looked very different over the last year as a result of the global pandemic, however, it is evident that there have been many more positives than negatives throughout this challenging year which this newsletter aims to showcase.

**Firstly**, we kicked off 2021 with a brand-new team of DYW School Coordinators, they are keen and eager to make a difference in young people's lives by creating and providing as many opportunities as possible. In this newsletter, you will be introduced to your coordinator by viewing the short video highlighting a bit about themselves, their past and what DYW means to them.

Jedburgh Grammar Campus and Galashiels Academy secured **Nicola Shaw** as their DYW Schools Coordinator. View the video and read below to find out a little bit more about Nicola.

### **ABOUT NICOLA**

Nicola has a passion for creating opportunities to connect industry and education and holds experience owning her own business as well as working in an education setting. She has experience building sustainable relationships between generations, by planning mutually beneficial projects which provided benefits to individuals and the community.

### **FUTURE AT DYW BORDERS**

The main focus of my role is bringing industry alive in the classroom and supporting pupils to develop their employability and work readiness skills. Previously, DYW have been involved in supporting some great activities with Jedburgh Grammar Campus and Galashiels Academy, including Mentoring, Career Fairs, Meet the Expert sessions, STEM events and delivering industry relevant experiences.

There are some great opportunities available and I hope that by working alongside the staff and the pupils I will be able to deliver some of these valuable interactions in and around the school.

I have been posting regular updates of exciting events, information, opportunities and work inspirations direct to pupils on Teams so keep an eye out in the future!



# STEP

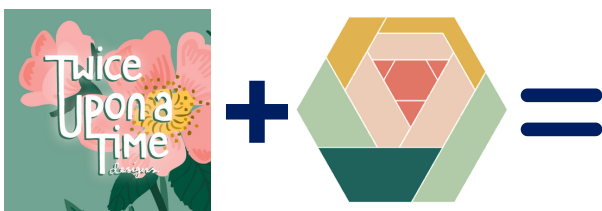
Senior Transitions Employability Programme

During the month of May, DYW Borders delivered a bespoke 3-day **STEP (Senior Transitions Employability Programme)** in partnership with employers and stakeholders over the course of 2 weeks to young people across the Borders. Each of the 9 schools identified pupils who would benefit from the programme and they took part in a variety of interactive virtual sessions ranging from cooking on a budget to appropriately dressing for an interview. On completion of the 3-day programme, each pupil received a **Dynamic Youth Award**, approved by CLD.



### Cameron Strachan Yuill (CSY) Virtual Work Placement

The first week of June saw a range of keen future design and architect pupils participate in a 1-week virtual work placement with CSY, where they designed their ideal classroom in a post COVID environment. Each pupil produced a fantastic design and we are very impressed with all the work from everyone who took part.



### Jedburgh Grammar Campus' budding young designers!

At JGC, a partnership was formed with Twice Upon a Time Designs, who held a competition with JGC pupils to create their very own cards. The competition was a great success and saw lots of great designs. Below are the winners as well as the highly commended designers.



### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EXPRESSIVE ARTS



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FILM COMPETITION  
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FREE ART, DESIGN AND MUSIC  
RESOURCES  
[RESOURCES](#) ←



THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES  
FESTIVAL 2021: WHAT CAN I DO  
WITH AN ARTS DEGREE?  
5th of May  
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CHAT WITH UNIVERSITY  
STUDENTS ABOUT A DEGREE IN  
FASHION TEXTILES  
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**Faculty Flyers.** Since March, when schools were still operating in a virtual home learning world, DYW Borders began to issue daily flyers to each of the different faculties. This meant that for every day for 2 weeks on a rotational basis each faculty were receiving a relevant flyer with resources that would benefit teachers and pupils in their virtual-home learning experience. These resources included events from DYW Live, Esgoil, E-DYW and many other valuable materials. These have been very well received and as a result DYW Borders continue to create and distribute these. Following on from these flyers, DYW Borders are aiming to create monthly faculty events which have stemmed from this original idea.

**We are excited to get started!**

## ARE YOU ABOUT TO BE A SUMMER SCHOOL LEAVER?

Here are some useful contact details

Skills  
Development  
Scotland

### Skills Development Scotland

Waukrigg Mill, Duke Street, Galashiels, TD1 1QD

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### Scottish Borders Council

Employment Support Services

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### Works+

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### Volunteer Centre Borders

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COLLEGE

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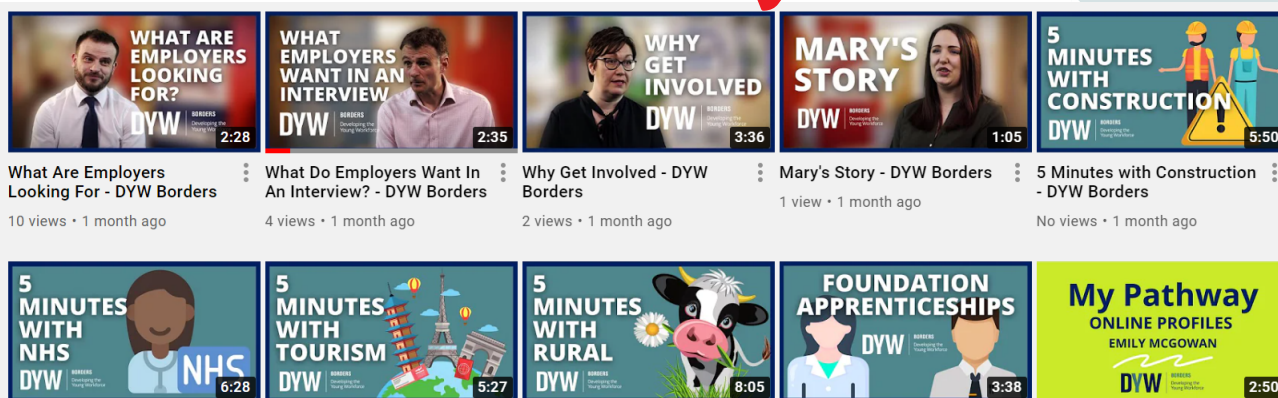


## WE STARTED A CHANNEL



DYW Borders collaborated with other regional groups in creating a [YouTube channel](#). The purpose of creating this channel was to upload and share all of the educational videos that are held locally and nationally, as well as any new content from over the year making it easily accessible for young people. The YouTube videos are really useful when creating employability flyers as teachers are signposted to the channel e.g CV tips.

### Here is some of our YouTube videos.



## YOUNG PERSONS GUARANTEE (YPG)

### #YPGuarantee

Employers across Scotland are being asked to get behind the Young Person's Guarantee. Launched in November, it aims to give all young people the opportunity to succeed through the commitment of a job, apprenticeship, education, training or volunteering. Could you help provide opportunities for Scottish Borders young people?

Your local DYW group can support. For more information contact

[dyw@dywborders.co.uk](mailto:dyw@dywborders.co.uk)

**READ MORE**

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*DYW Borders post and share lots of apprenticeship and job opportunities across our social media platforms.*



**We want to hear from you and your school!**

If you have any good news stories or information you would like to see in our next newsletter get in touch.



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