

Further Training and Support

[Connect Project](#)

The Connect Project is open to young people aged 15-25 years who are unsure of what steps to take next, or are not ready to move on to employment or further training. Project staff work with young people to develop a personal and flexible programme that meets learning needs and give the skills and confidence needed to move on to their chosen area.

[Employability Fund](#)

The Employability Fund is run by Orkney College UHI and sponsored by Skills Development Scotland. It has been developed to help young people make a successful transition into the labour market. It is available to any young person aged between 16 and 24 years who is not in school, college, employed or in training.

[Fair Start Scotland](#)

Fair Start Scotland is the new employment service for Scotland, focusing support on those further from the labour market for who work is a realistic prospect. This service is provided in Orkney by People Plus and they can be contacted for more information at infofairstart@peopleplus.co.uk

[Employment Support](#)

Run as part of the Orkney Island Council's All Age Learning Disability Team, Employment Support provides support to people with learning disabilities, on the autistic spectrum and some people who struggle to understand information, learn skills and cope independently. They can provide to people who are not working but would like to work, as well as those who do have a job but would like to build up skills or work hours.