

# GUIDE

# LEAP - Life Skills, Employabillity and Pathways

# Take your first step.

# Realise your potential, change your future by building your skills - Setting you on the road to success.

Get one step ahead and build your skills and confidence to progress in further education and/or in the workplace.

We offer a range of programmes for students who need help to unlock their full potential. We offer a range of programmes for students which can include personal development, working towards employment or achieving your goals for education.

## Start your journey today.

Our MISSION is to support the individual, social and economic development of the people, communities and businesses of Dumfries and Galloway by providing inclusive, accessible and relevant vocational and other learning opportunities in a positive and supportive environment.

Joanna Campbell - Principal & CEO

Gain the skills you need to take you where you want to go.

Whether you want to:

**build your future** 

kickstart your career

# learn something new

We will provide you with the **tools to excel** with a real skill-based route into the workplace or a positive destination onto further education.



# Ways you can study with DGC J



# Safe and supported environments

Learn in a fully supported learning environment with access to specialist staff, resources and facilities that can help you achieve your goals.



# **Study options to suit everyone**

From full-time, part-time or over just a few days, choose your course and way to study.



# **Study locally**

helping you save on associated study costs such as travel, accomodation and more.



# **Earn qualifications**

at every stage of study, building your path to success.



### **Access routes**

to employment and further education with support at every step.

# College services and support J

As a student you have a number of services and facilities available to support and help you throughout your course at our campuses\*

- 🔰 Library resources
- 🖵) Student support
- 🔲 Learning zones
- Coffee and snack areas
- 👕 Shop and canteen
- 🔔 Gym
- 🛠 Training workshops
- 💔 Training Restaurant
- Green Energy Centre



\* Please note: gym, canteen, shop, green energy centre and digital care hub are exclusive to Dumfries campus.





From student advisors to funding teams, our aim is to provide you with a quality service so that you will have a range of skills, support and the knowledge required to sucessfully complete your course.

>> For further info on all our student services, check out our portal

# So what is LEAP?



Life Skills - Learn the practical abilities needed to thrive in everyday life.



Employability - explore the world of work and the skills required



Pathways – Prepare for your future journey.

LEAP Programmes will enable you to develop your confidence, gain new skills and build on your strengths, as well as helping you to prepare for the world of work or further education.

Working in a supportive environment, our experienced staff will help you thrive in whichever path you choose.



# Did you know J

Studying a LEAP programme could open up a whole world of study opportunities and allow you to progress onto further fulltime courses at Dumfries and Galloway College. A course tutor will work with you to help you achieve your goals as part of your personal action plan.

# Study with us to enjoy:



# Access to world class learning facilities

Our learning environments are varied and adaptable, promoting a positive college experience.

You may have the opportunity to experience practical learning and residential trips.



### **Real experiences of work**

Our courses are designed to provide you with the skills and hands-on experiences you need by giving you the chance to put your skills into practice through real time projects and work placements.



### Support from highly-trained staff

Our lecturing and care support staff will help you learn the academic theory and practical skills needed whilst helping you to develop your core skills, giving you all you need to get ahead and succeed.

# What LEAP can do for you

- >> Develop your skills
- >> Develop your thinking
- Srow as a person
- >> Open doors to better career options.
- Professional experienced staff
- Practical, team building activities
- Safe and social environment
- Personal action plans

### **Specialist Programmes**

### **Prince's Trust Team Programme**

Our Prince's Trust is an award winning and sector leading programme. The programme offers students the opportunity to improve motivation, qualifications, confidence and existing talents while learning new skills.

The programme will allow participants to improve self-reliance and self-esteem, setting targets for the development of interpersonal skills while working in a group to plan and carry out a project. The vocational project will be related to the world of work and gives participants the skills on exit to progress to employment or training.

The Princes' Trust team helps young people to rebuild their self-esteem. The team is a 12-week programme of personal development and training. It aims to re-engage young people, helping them to think about their future and prepare a post-programme development plan.



## **Project Search**

Project Search is perfect if you are looking to get in to work but are unsure what work would be suitable for you or lack the confidence or experience and would like some support to help you to get that job.

We aim to provide you with a programme of study and experiences which develops your confidence and practical skills for life. Project Search has a strong focus on enabling you to develop skills for employability, independent/ supported living, self-advocacy, working with others and citizenship.

During the programme you will develop transferable, and marketable job skills.

The programme will offer you the opportunity to develop confidence, independence and self-esteem.



# Get a step ahead. choose your course J

We provide a first-class further and higher education, offering a large range of courses and qualifications available for students at any life stage that are delivered by teaching and support staff who genuinely care about what they do.

We have a route to suit every level and mode of study, allowing you to build your future, to change your career, or prepare for a better tomorrow, helping you get one step ahead.

If you are unsure of which course is best to apply for, or how to apply – don't forget we have a very knowledgeable and helpful Admissions team here at the college ready to help you.

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**Check out all** 

our courses

here!

**D**admissions@dumgal.ac.uk

Don't wait for the right opportunity. **Create it.** George Bernard Shaw \*

# Quick guide to applying 1

# **1. Search for your course**

Search our courses at www.dumgal.ac.uk or click the link.

# 2. Apply online

Once you find the course that's right for you, hit the apply now button. Courses fill up fast so don't delay.



Our full-time courses start in August.

> Check online for start dates for other courses or study at a time that suits you with open learning.

If you need help applying, you can check out our handy application guide here



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