

Campaigning Points which emerged from the JU4J Forum 16th April 2010

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Dughall gave update on info back to Scottish Government via Third Sector Employability Forum.

But challenges around accessing funding/managing funds and what next beyond March 2011 were agreed as a priority and as yet are unresolved. The issue is an ongoing priority

Recession Academy

George Wilson will do Summary of Bullet Points and action Plan on this proposal. Majority of Forum Participants believed this would be a relevant initiative and were interested in contributing to the set-up, development and in terms of using the proposed services for their client groups

Bureaucratic Barriers (Brainstorm on some of the Bureaucratic Barriers)

- Homeless People housed in private sector can't afford a job
- Breaks in claim sets people back
- "Fit for Work" definition is inconsistent and as people referred when clearly "Not Fit" doesn't work for them or employers
- Case study the £40 better off Guarantee
- Age issue and forced retirement
- Client on supported permitted work earnings receiving £0.00, £20 others, well under limits and had council tax benefit stopped and made to attend Council on weekly basis to declare earnings overly punitive what can we do about instances like that.
- Disclosure process and timescales hindering work experience and employment opportunities

Further in-depth study of examples of barriers including case studies on how some of these barriers had actually hindered client progress; then open consultation to see what next

Insecure and unstable work patterns

In work Poverty

Education clarity??

Living Wage Campaign/Living Wage Employer Award