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Newsletter

Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year





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Introduction

Welcome to the Winter edition of Real Jobs newsletter.

We recently received good news about the planned extension to the All in Edinburgh (AiE) supported employment project, where our funding is extended to September 2021.

We also expect the AiE service to be tendered out next year and await more news about what this will mean for our own and other employability services. Regardless, despite many obvious challenges in 2020 we continue to help people to prepare for, secure and retain employment, and also manage changes to working conditions. While a major challenge has been the lack of access to office resources or meeting rooms for people we support, we have adapted by finding other places to meet people directly where possible, in step with ever - changing COVID-19 regulations and risk-assessing as we go. In addition to providing support into work, assisting to manage mental health and wellbeing needs has been a key aspect of the support we provide. We have also helped people to stay connected via digital equipment through accessing various available funds and have assisted people to use these effectively.

In this edition we also feature other aspects of our support which we hope will be of interest. For the meantime, we at Real Jobs and The Action Group wish you and loved ones a very Happy Christmas and look forward to staying in touch in 2021 – which we look forward to being a better year for everyone!

Martin Rogerson

Assistant Team Manager - Real Jobs Team, The Action Group

Laura

Laura has worked at the Royal Mail Depot café for **20 years** which she celebrated this year.

Unfortunately, Laura, like many others, shielded and was not at work for many months.

Laura is now back at work and coping well with all the changes that have been put in place due to Covid 19.

Laura's main duties were dishes and cleaning duties, however as this is a joint effort by the whole team, Laura is now taking on more kitchen assistant tasks as well as carrying out her cleaning duties.

Laura's manager is mixing up Laura's chores to keep Laura's working day new and interesting. Recently Laura has been peeling the vegetables and baking. →

Well Done Laura,
taking on new jobs at work! 😊



FESTIVE OPENING TIMES

To ensure we have an emergency food provision service available over the festive period, all foodbanks will remain open as normal - **with the exception of 25th December and 1st January**. For full details please visit www.edinburghfoodproject.org/locations

Our warehouse/office will be open Monday-Friday 09:00-16:00 until the 22nd of December. We will then reopen on the 4th of January at 09:00. Our Money Advice Service helpline will close at 4pm on Friday 18th December and reopen at 10am on Monday 4th January

Be aware that the foodbank is no longer delivering food parcels so you will need to go to one of the centres with your referral code to collect your food.

Please note some of our foodbank centres have changed premises, please visit the [locations page](#) for up to date opening times and addresses.

If you think that you may need help to get enough food over Christmas and New Year, please contact your employment advisor and ask for a foodbank referral.



Christmas Movie Quiz

What movies are these?

Questions



1) A selfish, cynical television executive is haunted by three spirits bearing lessons on Christmas Eve.

S _ _ _ _ _

1988

2) A boy inadvertently breaks three important rules concerning his new pet and unleashes a horde of malevolently mischievous monsters on a small town.

G _ _ _ _ _

1984

3) When a man inadvertently makes Santa fall off of his roof on Christmas Eve, he finds himself magically recruited to take his place.

T _ _ / S _ _ _ _ / C _ _ _ _

1994

4) A miserable conman and his partner pose as Santa and his Little Helper to rob department stores on Christmas Eve. But they run into problems when the conman befriends a troubled kid.

B _ _ / S _ _ _ _

2003

5) A boy who has a bad Christmas accidentally summons a festive demon to his family home.

K _ _ _ _ _

2015

6) A father who can't keep his promises, dies in a car accident. One year later, he returns as a snowman, who has the final chance to put things right with his son, before he is gone forever.

J _ _ _ / F _ _ _ _

1998

7) An eight-year-old troublemaker must protect his house from a pair of burglars when he is accidentally left home alone by his family during Christmas vacation.

H _ _ _ / A _ _ _ _

Answers 1) Scrooged, 2) Gremlins, 3) The Santa Clause, 4) Bad Santa, 5) Krampus, 6) Jack Frost, 7) Home Alone



LINKnet Mentoring



LINKET IS OFFERING ITS SERVICES REMOTELY DURING THE COVID-19 Pandemic. They USE WHATS APP, EMAILS, SKYPE/ ZOOM. All of the following aspects of the service are provided online at present until further notice.



LINKnet provide one-to-one mentoring for education, employment and personal development. There is also an **online drop-in service every day from 10am to 4pm** that provides short-term support on employability, education and information on issues including housing, benefits, domestic abuse or mental health. Support is also offered on the importance of oral health.

Job seekers who do not have UK work experience will be invited to volunteer with LINKnet or with partner organisations to get work experience. They will be requested to work online.

English language support is also provided by volunteer mentors on one-to-one, online mode. From June there will be online teaching.

Qualifications gained:	Certificates will be provided for some of the courses.
Client group:	Ethnic Minorities
What is provided:	All LINKnet services are free of charge and offered to minority ethnic people
Start date:	Ongoing
Duration:	3 to 6 months
Times and days:	Flexible
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