



# Insider

A world class city with a thriving and inclusive economy where everyone can flourish and benefit from the city's success



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## OUR MENTORS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

More care-experienced young people than ever are leaving school to brighter futures.

That's just one of the successes of the programme revealed in the recently published second Impact Report.

Thanks to the partnership with the schools and council, MCR's scope and impact increased dramatically in 2017-2018. Now 86% of mentored, care-experienced young people progress to a positive destination, compared to only 52% in 2014.

MCR's first Impact Report, published in 2017 by Executive Director of Education Services, **Maureen McKenna**, examined the first ten schools participating in the programme. It outlined an ambitious three year plan to expand to all secondary schools in Glasgow.

Because of MCR and the council's firm commitment, the partnership was able to expand the programme early into all Glasgow secondary schools in November 2018.

This second Impact Report is evidence that the volunteer mentoring programme is making a real difference to the lives, confidence and achievement of young people in the city. In 2017, the number of young people supported in the programme through mentoring, group work and Talent Tasters doubled, from 600 to just over 1300.

**Callum**, a leaver from Lochend Community High School, said: "Before I first got a mentor, I didn't feel was anywhere I felt listened to. By having a mentor there I actually had someone there to listen. We as young people have a bit more of a voice now because of MCR."

### Greater scope and impact

The council's partnership with MCR has been vital for increasing the number of mentors and spreading the message. The partnership has made even more progress this year in terms of scope and impact, hitting new milestones.

**Maureen McKenna**, also an MCR Mentor, said: "The results have been outstanding in each of the Key Performance Indicators enhancing the already great work going on in our schools – staying on post 16, attainment and post school destinations into college, university or a job. For mentored young people, each has improved dramatically on the baseline average in 2014 across the 15 schools involved assessed."

**Iain MacRitchie**, Mentor and MCR Founder commented: "These young people are no different than any other when it comes to talent and potential - they simply face more difficult circumstances that make it more challenging to succeed. But with the help of a mentor, they soar."

### More Mentors needed – Can you #GiveAnHour?

With even more young people joining the programme more Mentors are needed to support them. Could you, a member of your family, a work colleague or friend, give an hour and support a young person?

Find out how to get involved, and what support is available to you [here](#).

