

New Year - help MCR reach 2000 people

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Did you make a New Year's Resolution? If you're still looking for something to kick-start your New Year - why not consider becoming an MCR Mentor? You can be part of the ripple effect making positive change through the city.

Statistics show that the programme is making a huge impact on the life opportunities and achievements of many disadvantaged and care-experienced young people in the city.

Each volunteer's positive impact affects not only their young person, but also spreads out across the city - inspiring schools, communities and more.



Award-winning initiative

The programme is gaining attention throughout Scotland - and beyond. In November, the MCR Pathways' team was awarded their first UK-wide recognition at the Children and Young People Now Awards Ceremony.

The programme received both a 'Highly Commended' accolade for their partnership with the Council Family, and the Leaving Care Award. You can read more about this award in the [EveningTimes](#).

Council commitment

The council is committed to have 10% of staff mentoring and is encouraging everyone of all ages to get involved. This year, MCR Pathways aims to reach 2,000 young people in Glasgow. Could you spare one hour a week during school term time to help make the difference?

Two of the council's youngest mentors are extremely enthusiastic about the programme. Here's what they have to say about their experience.

Louise Walsh, Communications Officer, Glasgow Life, said:



The training with MCR was very helpful and it made me realise that there really is no 'wrong' way to mentor. You're there to help in whatever way your mentee needs at that point in time - and that differs from person to person.



William Wilson, Technician, Land and Environmental Services said:



The most enjoyable part of being a mentor is being able to have conversations with my mentee about stuff we are both interested in, making it fun. The thought that by taking such a short time out my week to do this could be benefiting my mentee in even a small way is the cherry on top.



Mentors make a difference - could you get involved?

The council aims to support staff to become mentors. Find out what support is available, and how to register - after first discussing with your manager - on [Connect](#).

Once registered MCR will invite you to an info session where you can ask questions, hear how it all works and learn the difference it makes to both the young person and the mentor.

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