***How did you find out about the funding?***

We found out about the Third Sector Challenge Fund through the Fife Voluntary Action website.

***How did you advertise the course?***

We advertised through the courses through our own contacts such as existing parents/carers/guardians and friends. We advertised through social media such as Facebook and Linkedin. We also used partner agencies to advertise and promote our courses.

***Who did you work in partnership with on the course?***

Initially, we were going to work with in partnership with Fife College but due to unforeseen circumstances this was not possible. We worked in partnership with Dundee Contemporary Arts to deliver the animation project.

***What have been the successes of the project?***

There have been several successes of the project. For example, the people who attended the Advanced Employability Groups now have the desire to gain employment. We are liaising with Fife Council Supported Employment Service regarding this. The young people have been taking part in interview techniques and have completed CVs and portfolios. This would not have been possible without the funding we secured from Digitay.

The Cookery Classes have been designing a cookbook, which will be going on sale very shortly. Profits from the sales will be reinvested in the cookery classes.

The Animation project was a huge success. We did not realise how much talent the young people have, as they were drawing and designing the stills, digital elements and how to put it all together. Due to the success of the animation project, we have secured funding from Youth Arets for an advanced animation project. Again, this would not have been possible without the initial funding from Digitay.

***What have you learned from the project?***

We have learnt that for the Advanced Employability Group, we assumed that the young people would know the basics of digital skills but it soon became clear that they did not. They did not have the skill set to advance in digital skills. This was a huge learning curve for us as we had to adapt the work and learning to suit their learning needs.

***If you were to do the project again, what would you change?***

We would run the project over a longer period of time, not just over a six-month period and we would change the running time of the courses. We would have a focus on employability, supporting them through the process with supported employment.

***What did you learn from the group that stands out?***

What the young people achieved at the animation project at Dundee Contemporary Arts. The willingness of the young people to learn new digital skills and that they really enjoyed being part of the digital world. It has been so rewarding for them all to be creative digitally.