

# Spotlight Sessions

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## The Share Foundation

Please note that the presentation element of the session will be recorded so feel free to turn off your camera for this section if you prefer.

Welcome, this session will start shortly.

Please ensure your microphone is muted.

Please introduce yourself and the organisation you are from, in the chat box.

# The Promise and The Share Foundation

Working together for  
Young People in Care

18 March 2025

# Topics to be covered

- Who are The Share Foundation?
- Types of savings accounts available and how they are set up.
- Similarities and differences between the accounts.
- Contributing to the accounts.
- How YP can find their account.
- Financial Education for young people.
- Performing Arts for young people.

# The Share Foundation

- Registered charity, operating since 2005.
- Awarded government contract in 2012 - Junior ISA (JISA) for Young People in Care Scheme.
- Contract widened in 2017 to also cover Child Trust Funds (CTF) (no-one in position of PR).
- Tasked to raise additional donations.
- All costs covered by Government or a philanthropist!

# What is the Junior ISA Scheme for Young People in Care?

£200 paid for qualifying young people

- They must be:
  - In care, and have been for a continuous period of at least one year in the current care period,
  - Not born during the CTF years (1-9-2002 to 2-1-2011) (except if born overseas, eg UASC),
  - UK resident,
  - Under 18.
- Earliest age for eligibility - 3 January 1994.

# What is a Child Trust Fund?

- Long-term tax-free savings/investment account
- Universal benefit - all children born in the UK between 1 September 2002 and 2 January 2011.
- Someone was claiming child benefit

For more information on CTFs visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/child-trust-funds>

## How does it work?

- Details of qualifying young people by LA through regular data submission. Then:
  - JISA accounts opened, or
  - CTF accounts located (if appropriate –where LA advise there is no RA on account).
- TSF administer accounts until young person leaves care (18, adopted, RTP etc.) or takes control.
- Includes administration of additional donations.

# Donations to YP accounts

- Anyone can contribute to a JISA/CTF
- Individual contributions
  - ‘one off’ and regular
- Multiple contributions – LA or fostering organisations taking savings at source
  - *Scotland status – No local authorities do this at present*

# Locating and claiming account

- YP may take responsibility for their account from age 16
- Claim money at 18
- Letters sent to YP via local authorities
- Junior ISA – <https://myjisa.sharefound.org>
- Child Trust Fund where TSF is registered contact – <https://myctf.sharefound.org>
- Child Trust Fund where TSF is NOT the registered contact – <https://findctf.sharefound.org>

# Child Trust Fund Recovery Campaign

- Working with HMRC and account providers since late 2019.
- Developed own search tool for all YP nationwide aged 16+ with NI No - <https://findctf.sharefound.org>
- Link on Government website.
- Conducted regional virtual events during Covid.
- Numerous media campaigns nationwide.
- Developed 3 short videos and presentation resources for anyone supporting YP that may have a CTF.

# Unclaimed JISAs – Please Help

- Particularly relates to young care leavers who attained majority before 1 September 2002.
- Bi-lateral agreement with Local Authorities
  - *Scotland status – 31 Agreements sent. 7 signed and returned. 2 refused to sign so will follow up with YP themselves.*

# Life Skills Programmes

**Stepladder Plus** – financial education programme

6 steps – incentivised by TSF

**Stepping Forward** – introduction to performing arts programme

6 stages – incentivised by TSF

# Stepladder Plus

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## STEPLADDER PLUS

### FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME



Online financial educational programme - can be completed at own pace

For young people aged 15-17, who are currently in care

Must be working at Function Skills Entry Level 3 or equivalent

Incentivised Learning - can receive £750 for completing all six steps of the programme!


Gives opportunity to think about future plans for education, training & employment

Learn essential life skills such as budgeting, saving & financial awareness

Interactive quizzes, podcasts and writing plans for future!

Find out more..  
<https://www.sharefound.org/stepladder-plus>


Contact Programme Manager:  
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## Stepladder Plus

*Earn whilst you learn...*


### Course Steps


**STEP 1 - Literacy**   
Reading & Writing Skills  
content from Skills Forward  
(Access 3, Foundation Standard Grades or Above)


**STEP 2 - Numeracy**  
Maths Skills content from Skills Forward  
(Access 3, Foundation Standard Grades or Above)




**STEP 3 - Financial Capability Part 1**  
Cost of Living - Practice and assessment using Skills Forward software and Young Money content.

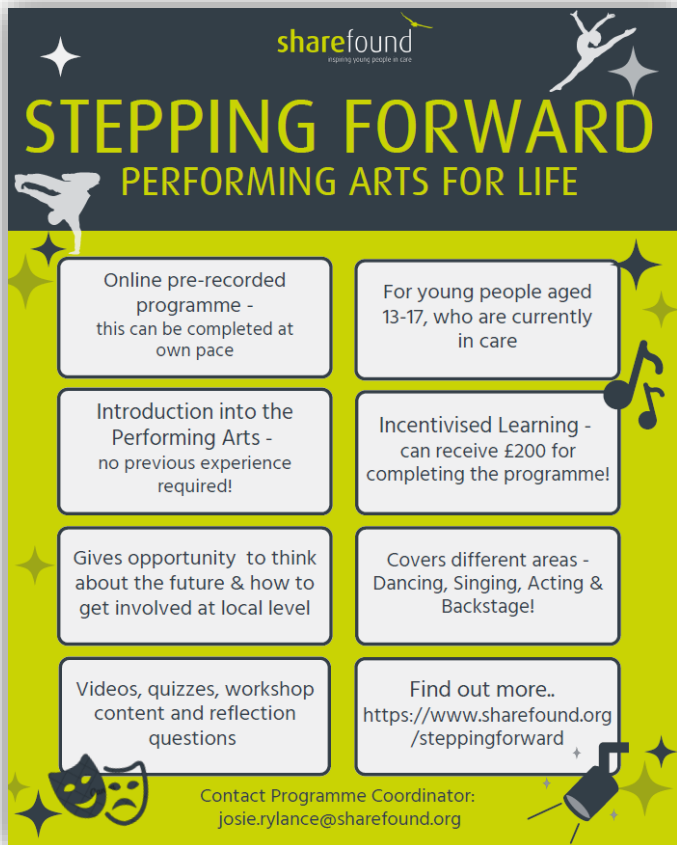


**STEP 4 - Planning for the Future**   
Describe your aspirations for the future and how you will use your investment (250-500 words submitted by you and assessed by The Share Foundation)

**STEP 5 - Financial Capability Part 2**   
Managing My Money  
The Open University Business School's eight-week course with recognised accreditation

**STEP 6 - Look to the Future**   
Secure Your Future Education, Employment or Training with support from a Share Foundation Mentor  
As well as guidance from key adults in your life

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## STEPPING FORWARD

### PERFORMING ARTS FOR LIFE

- Online pre-recorded programme - this can be completed at own pace
- For young people aged 13-17, who are currently in care
- Introduction into the Performing Arts - no previous experience required!
- Incentivised Learning - can receive £200 for completing the programme!
- Gives opportunity to think about the future & how to get involved at local level
- Covers different areas - Dancing, Singing, Acting & Backstage!
- Videos, quizzes, workshop content and reflection questions
- Find out more.. <https://www.sharefound.org/steppingforward>

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## WHAT ARE THE MAIN FEATURES?

Stage	Title	Incentive
1	Introduction to Performing Arts	£25
2	Forms of Performing Arts	£25
3	Specialist Art Forms	£25
4	In Conversation with ..	£25
5	Get Involved	£25
6	Moving Forward	£25 + £50 bonus!
		£200 Total

- Brilliantly engaging short videos with quizzes to test engagement
- Opportunity for opinion seeking to help develop ideas
- Lots of resources for reference
- Experience of different arts activities (Acting, Dance, Singing and Backstage)
- Understanding of being an artist and opportunities/resources for further studies or training
- Development of communication and creative skills
- Building confidence and self-esteem
- Potential accreditation via Arts Award
- Earn as you learn – incentives as in stepladder plus

 [Stepping Forward — Performing Arts for Life](#)



# Any questions?

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