

# Health, Social Care and Employability Organisations



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Universal Comedy has a strong track record in working in partnership with Health, Social Care and Employability organisations, building rewarding and positive relationships to benefit 'hard to reach, hard to help' people in our communities.

## Health

The charity was founded by and is still managed by people with physical ill health problems, so we recognise the difficulties in accessing training, development and employment.

Since 2004 we have delivered numerous workshops and courses in partnership with NHS, Community Health Initiatives, Health Charities and Voluntary Organisations.

- **Scottish Government (NHS)**  
Universal Comedy receive core funding to support the development of our services for people with long term conditions across Scotland.
- **NHS Department of Public Health**  
Universal Comedy provided comedy to highlight the Health issues within their new Annual Report, including Smoking Cessation, Obesity, Alcohol Consumption, and the Health benefits of Exercise.

- **NHS Lanarkshire** has commissioned Universal Comedy to provide interactive comedy to highlight positive messages by demystifying mental health issues to the community, and to assist the communication process for professionals.
- **Universal Comedy** are developing a network of collaborative working projects with regional Mental Health Associations ranging from workshops, to Personal Development Training courses to supporting events and promotional campaigns. These include LAMH, EDAMH, The Mental Health & Arts Festival and Community Health & Care Partnerships.
- **Charities and Voluntary Organisations**  
Universal Comedy have provided numerous reduced rate or free of charge comedy workshops to a wide range of voluntary organisations including Healthy Living & Stress Centres and charities supporting people with ill health, including Marie Curie, Breast Cancer Care, and Leukaemia Care.

## Social Care

Social care organisations have used our services to support clients and promote recovery, independence, inclusion, health and wellbeing. Previous social care partnerships include:

- **North Lanarkshire Council Social Work Dept.** Working in collaboration with North Lanarkshire Council Social Work Department, Universal Comedy are delivering a range of services to improve the quality of life of their clients including young people who have left care, and older people living in sheltered housing complexes.
- **Housing Associations**  
Universal Comedy has worked in collaboration with Baillieston Housing Association, Shettleston Housing Association, and Neighbourhood Networks providing a range of services to improve the quality of life and outlook of their residents.

## Employability

We have worked across a range of employability organisations to help service users onto several pathways into further education and employment.

- **Regeneration Agencies**  
Universal Comedy has worked in collaboration with Glasgow East Regeneration Agency, Glasgow West Regeneration Agency, and Port Glasgow Regeneration Agency, providing engagement and first pathway workshops to clients deemed 'hard to reach, hard to help'.
- **Glasgow Works**  
Universal Comedy was commissioned by Glasgow Works to provide a significant programme of workshops to engage and provide personal development training to 77 clients who had been on long term Incapacity Benefit and were deemed 'hard to reach, hard to help'.
- **Working Links**  
Universal Comedy has been commissioned by Working Links to provide services to clients new to the employability sector, to ease their transition and to motivate them further onto the employability pathway.
- **Jobcentre Plus**  
Universal Comedy has worked in partnership with Jobcentre Plus who referred clients on Incapacity Benefit to our services to assist their movement along the employability pathway.