

## **European Social Fund Projects**

### **West Edinburgh Action (2003 – 2007)**

This project tackles exclusion through a comprehensive programme designed to develop employability of residents of the Wester Hailes and Broomhouse SIP areas in West Edinburgh.

In supporting these individuals, who are often a long way from the labour market, the project seeks to reduce long-term unemployment and social exclusion by increasing the rate of success in recruiting from the most excluded groups into employment.

The target groups are spread across the gamut of the most disadvantaged groups including workless households, those without qualifications, lone parents, those with literacy and numeracy difficulties, ex-offenders, and substance abusers. Additionally, the project focuses on the period beyond initial recruitment, introducing support to help clients not only to stay in work, but progress to more secure and better paid work.