

## Raploch Community Enterprise

Based in Stirling, Raploch Community Enterprise works with local unemployed people and is part of The Raploch Urban Regeneration Company.

We spoke to Nicole Smith who is the Development Manager at Raploch Community Enterprise and asked her a few questions about what she does.



### **What does your organisation do?**

Raploch Community Enterprise is part of The Raploch Urban Regeneration Company, which provides training to anyone who lives in the local and surrounding areas and is unemployed. The training is in construction and horticulture.

### **Who do you support?**

We support local unemployed people of all ages and backgrounds. There are approximately 12 new people recruited to the course every 13 weeks.

### **How do you promote ILA Scotland?**

We deliver an induction programme in-house to all new recruits which includes giving details on the ILA Scotland scheme and how it can benefit them.

### **How do you help your clients to access their funds?**

We strongly encourage those on the course to call the helpline to request an application pack. Then, when they have received it, we help them fill out the form. Many of our clients have literacy or numeracy issues and simply would not fill in the form if they were not given any support to do this.

### **What kind of courses do your clients access?**

The most popular courses include: 'Counterbalance and Reach Forklift Licence', 'New Roads and Streetworks' and 'Forward Tipping Dumper'.

### **Would you encourage other organisations to work with ILA Scotland?**

Definitely – ILA Scotland is an extremely beneficial scheme for people. We help our clients to draw down the funds which they then use to up skill themselves. The long-term aim is to get them back into work and ILA Scotland helps them to take the first steps to do this.