



# Fife and Tayside Wider Access Forum Conference

Discovery Point, Dundee

11<sup>th</sup> June 2008

# Welcome to WHAN

Working in Health Access Network

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# WHAN Aims

- To raise awareness of study and a career in the health sector
- To do so in Scottish schools which have a lower-than-average transfer of pupils to higher education

HOW?













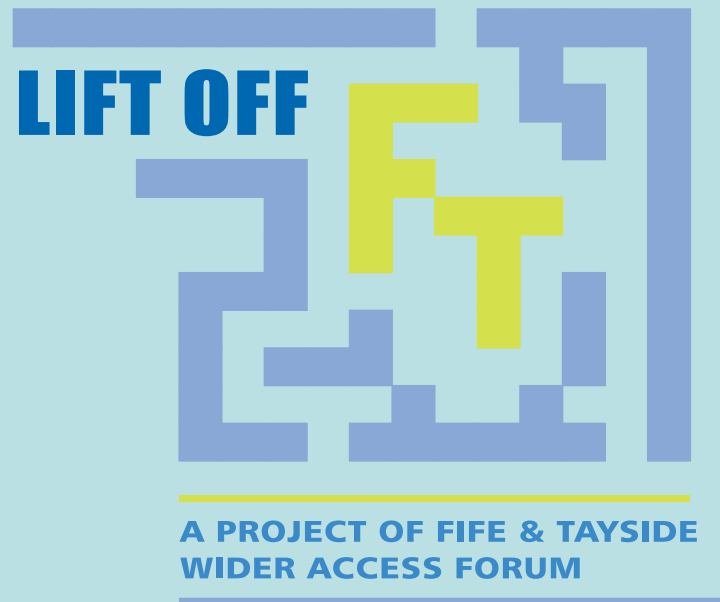
# Does it Work?

- “I thought this would be boring.....  
.....but it’s actually quite good!”
- “Very useful ...opened my eyes to other  
career opportunities that I had never  
thought of”.

3201 Tayside pupils attended  
WHAN event since August 2007

# Going for Gold!!!!

- Funding ceases - FATWAF end July 2008  
- SFC end July 2009
- Engage with as many Tayside pupils as possible over next 12 months
- Next event –  
Discovering Careers in the Allied Health Professions on 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Dudhope Castle, University of Abertay, Dundee



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**Kirstin Adam**

Brechin High School

# Developing Workshops

Towards a Continuum of  
Activities in LIFT OFF  
Target Schools

Lee Kane

LIFT OFF Development Worker

**LIFT OFF**

A PROJECT OF FIFE & TAYSIDE  
WIDER ACCESS FORUM

# Structure

13 LIFT OFF Target Schools

## CORE Pupils

- Those who have taken part in LIFT OFF to Success, the summer programme

## GENERAL Pupils

- All pupils within that year group in school, including the Core Pupils

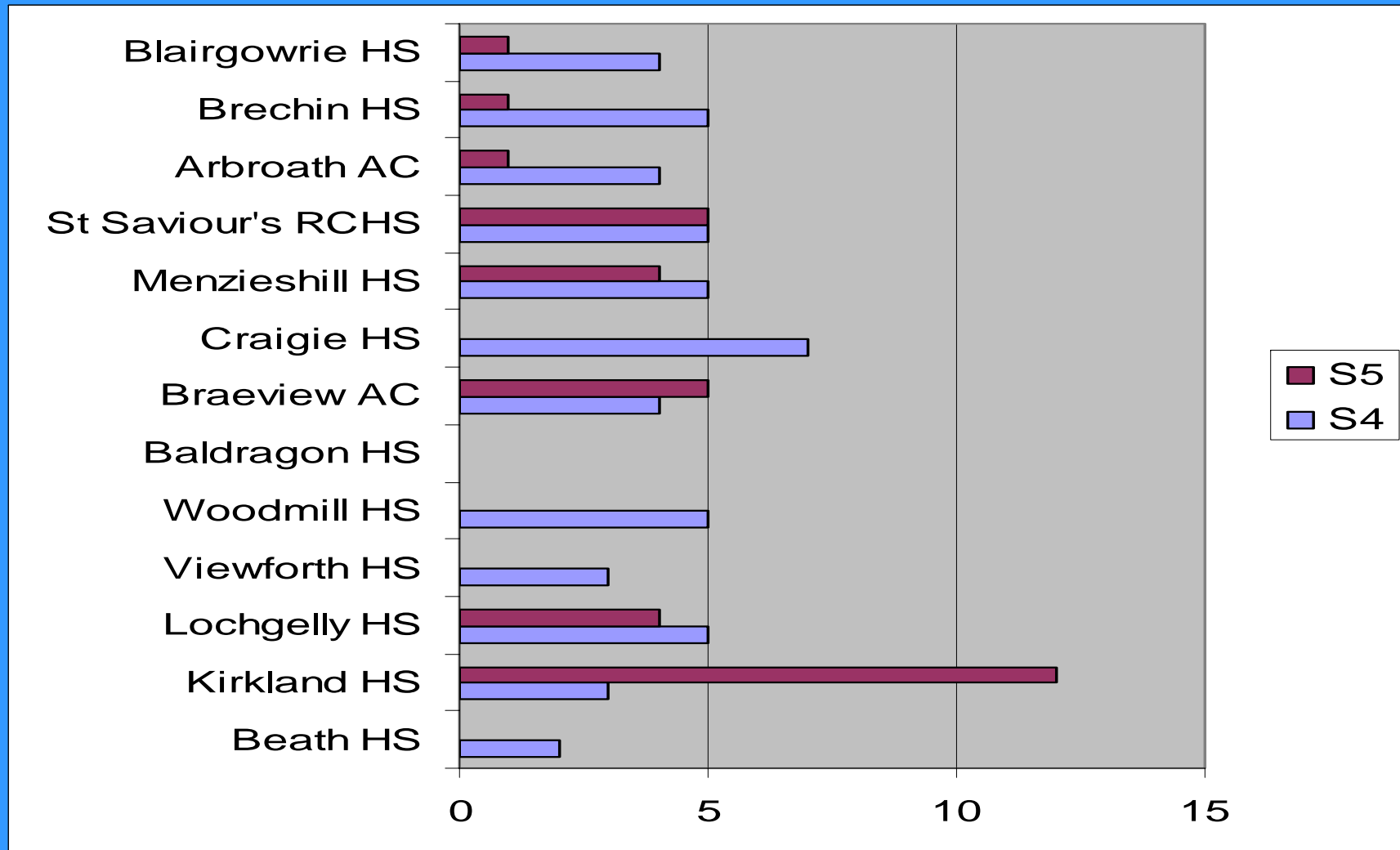
# Core Workshops



- Identified as those pupils who have taken part in LIFT OFF to Success
- Currently two sets of Core Pupils across the thirteen schools
- Accounts for approximately 85 S4 and S5 Pupils in 2007/8
- Will rise to three sets in each school, with numbers expected at 130 in 2008/9

# Core Pupils by School

2007-2008



# What are core workshops?

- Personal Development Planning
- LIFT OFF Development Workers, along with Student Volunteers, work with the pupils to identify goals; personal, academic and career
- Lead research into ways of reaching these goals, through post-school study
- Look at what pupils need to do to progress to college or university

# General Workshops

- General Workshops are aimed at ALL pupils in S3 – S6 in all target schools
- Delivered during PSE class, usually with groups of no more than 25 pupils
- Set of 3 workshops in 2007-8, one each for S3, S4 and S5/6
- Will extend to 4 workshops in 2008-9, with S5 and S6 being two different workshops

# General Workshops

S3 – Interview with a Student

S4 – Why Study?

S5 – Next Steps

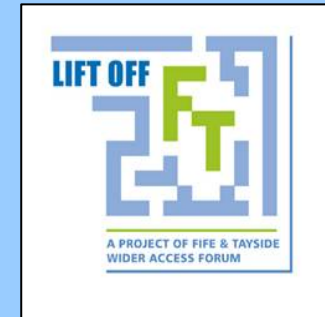
S6 – Get Set...

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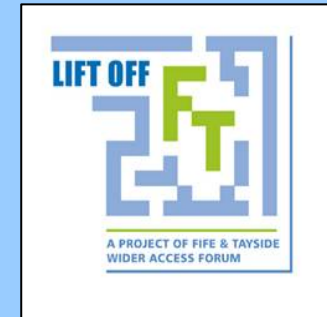
# Future Developments

- With an increase in staffing, we aim to deliver more workshops in 2008-9
- Meeting with teachers in target schools now, scheduling workshops for the next academic year
- Workshops are being offered to all schools, and it is hoped as many as possible will take this up

# Student Volunteering with LIFT OFF *BUILDING THE MODEL*



# Student Volunteering with LIFT OFF ***BUILDING THE MODEL***



## What was needed?

- Flexibility
- Speed
- Attractive to students

Identify good practice

Volunteer Development  
Scotland

## Spreading the word!

Promotional materials

Target: Careers Centres  
Student Associations

Volunteer Centre network

Develop website resources

Attend events

Work to raise profile

# Recruitment + Training = Volunteers!

*Register interest*

*Attend training session*

*Enhanced Disclosure  
Scotland check*

*Trained Student*

Process takes no longer than 4 weeks

## Managing the project:

- Build database
- Record volunteer participation
- Regular notification of upcoming activities
- Co-ordinate transport
- Encourage volunteer community

## Package for students:

- Cost of Disclosure check covered
- Travel expenses covered
- Participation in MV Awards
- Continuing support
- Opportunity for further training

## Challenges?

Based out with institution

Practicalities of working across large area

Fewer College student volunteers

Volunteers who don't volunteer!



## Solutions!



Strong communication with contacts and organisation of students for workshops

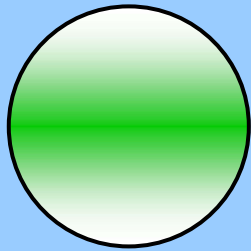
Direct access to college classes through course leaders

Volunteers sign agreement as part of training

## How far we've come...

**53 student volunteers**

**7 partner institutions represented**



**Student involvement embedded into all activities**

**Regular enquiries from interested students**

**Senior Students**

## Future of the project...

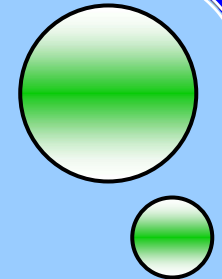
**Strong position for new academic year**

**Continue to work to raise profile**

**Word of mouth is best form of advertisement**

**Increase numbers of College student volunteers**

**Develop alongside LIFT OFF to reach increasing numbers of pupils**



# LIFT OFF Senior Students



Callum  
and  
Gemma

# Great **BIG** LIFT OFF Conference

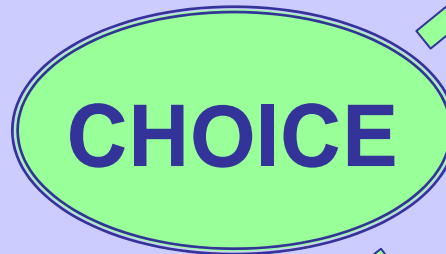


20 & 21 November  
Dundee College

# Great **BIG** LIFT OFF Conference



Practical  
Inclusive  
Online registration  
Pupil Forum approval



**College and University:  
Are they for me?**

Interview tips  
for  
College and University

Student Finance  
Student Life  
Access to Admissions  
staff

**UCAS and the  
personal statement**

To college  
and beyond

170 pupils  
Positive feedback  
Source of CPD for guidance teachers?



# Great **BIG** LIFT OFF Conference



**Challenges?** *All logistical*

**Changes?** *Greater lead-in time*

*CPD sessions for  
guidance staff*

*Timing?*

A huge thank you to you and your team, especially for the last minute organisational changes!!  
I have already had one parent come and speak to me personally about how fired up their son was when he came home.  
Thanks again

Kelly  
Guidance Teacher  
Arbroath Academy



**GBLOC  
2008**  
(Provisional)

27 / 28  
November

Elmwood  
College

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# Student Finance Comic

initial idea  
development  
challenges  
where we are now  
timeline



# Student Finance Comic

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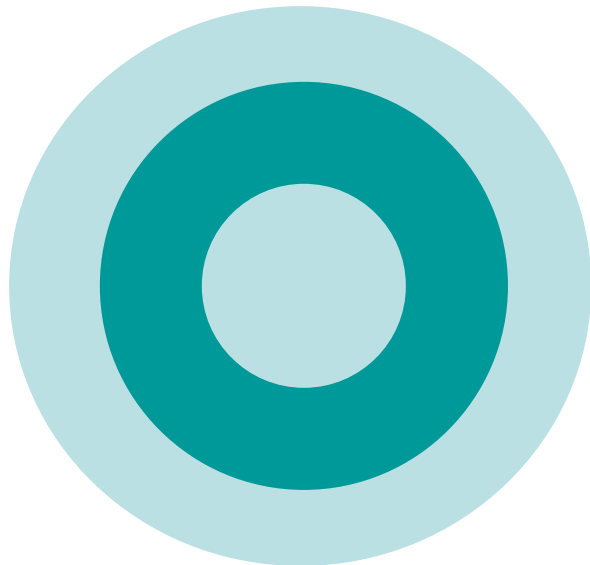
## initial idea

- HBOS funding
- Make student finance fun!
- Published on website



## development

- Research
- Developed storylines
- Storyboards
- Approached DoJ



## challenges

- Developing storylines
- Financial accuracy
- Up to date?
- Injecting humour
- Hiring illustrator
- How many can we do?

# Student Finance Comic

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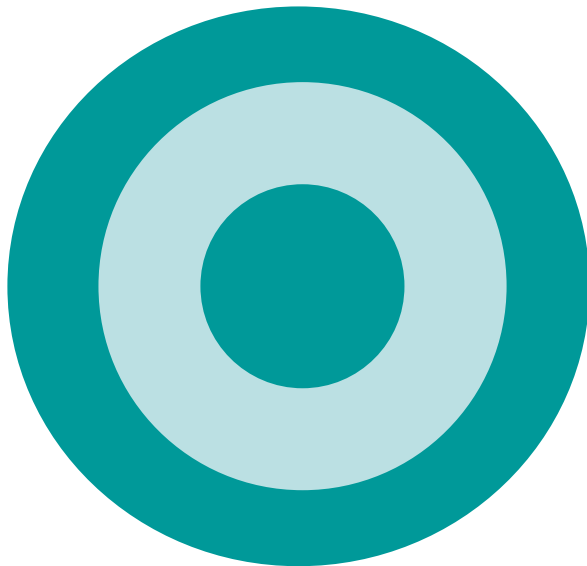
## where we are now

- 10 Storylines complete & proofed
- Illustrator hired - week 1
- Initial sketches & production timeline
- Comic being created



## timeline

- Feb-June: groundwork
- June-Sept: comic created
- Sept-Oct: Launched!



**coming soon to...**  
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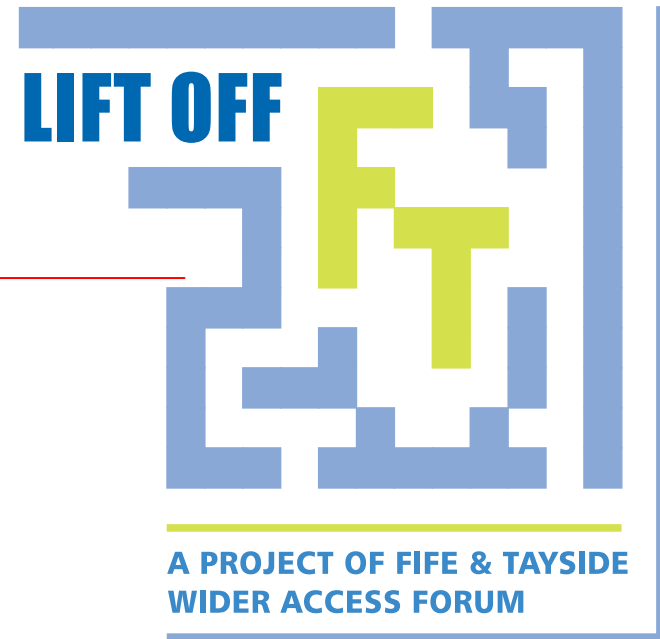
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# Pupil Forum

# and

# Ambassadors

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**Kirsten Adam**  
**S5 School Rep**

**Lee Kane**  
**LIFT OFF**

# Pupil Forum

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- ❑ LIFT OFF Pupil Forum meets twice per year
  - ❑ Representatives elected by their classmates
  - ❑ Divided by region:
    - Fife
    - Tayside
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# What's it for?

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- ❑ To give feedback on LIFT OFF activities
- ❑ To tell LIFT OFF about what we think would help us
- ❑ To give LIFT OFF ideas for activities we think should happen
- ❑ To try out some of the new LIFT OFF activities, before everyone else



# What do I get out of it?

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- I get to have a say on what happens with LIFT OFF
  - I get to come up with ideas for how LIFT OFF can better support me and my classmates
  - I get experience of representing other people's views
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# What is a...

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## LIFT OFF

## Ambassador?

The logo features the words 'LIFT OFF' in blue, blocky letters at the top. Below this, a stylized graphic of a staircase or path is formed by blue and yellow blocks. At the bottom of the graphic, the word 'AMBASSADOR' is written in yellow, blocky letters on a blue rectangular background.

**LIFT OFF**

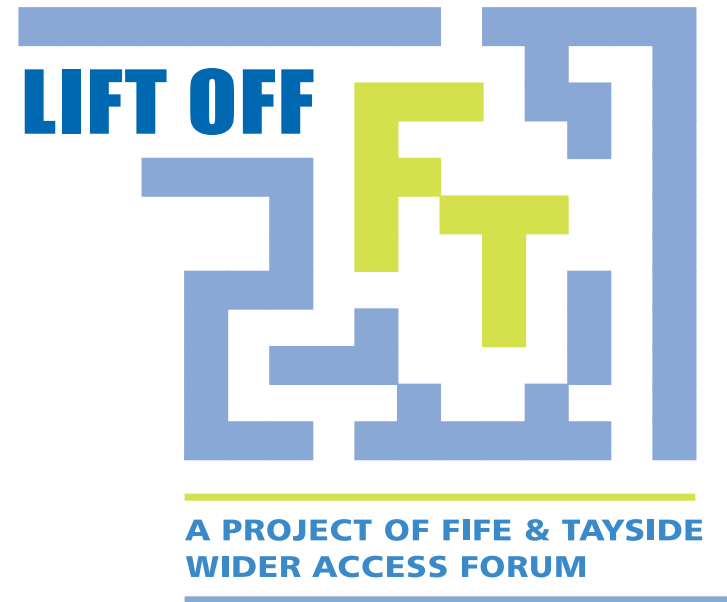
**AMBASSADOR**

- All members who have served at least one academic year on the LIFT OFF Pupil Forum will become LIFT OFF Ambassadors
  - They will act as LIFT OFF representatives within their schools
  - They will refer people in their year to LIFT OFF
  - The will promote the LIFT OFF website, activities and resources to their classmates
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# Benefits of LIFT OFF Ambassadors



- ❑ LIFT OFF will have a constant presence in school, between activities
  - ❑ Pupils will have a named contact, for peer support
  - ❑ Being an ambassador builds confidence and organisational skills
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For more information  
log on to:-

[www.lift-off.org.uk](http://www.lift-off.org.uk)