

Team Talk

"The SYFA are delighted to support the 'Educated Pass' Football and Education Initiative. We believe that continued dedication and commitment to sport and education begins at an early age and are vital for the future of Scotland"



David Little, National Secretary
Scottish Youth Football Association

"Football is a fantastic attraction to many people young and old. Initiatives such as 'Educated Pass', which combine football with a social message are welcome and thoroughly encouraged by the SPFA"



Warren Hawke, SPFA Educational Manager

"Success through education is like winning in football. Both involve establishing good habits. As a current student of Economics and Accounts, as well as captain of the University of Edinburgh football team, I can speak from experience in saying that my success in football and education is due to being equally dedicated to both."



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Educated Pass Football and Education Initiative



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Educated Pass

This Football and Education Initiative, managed by the University of Edinburgh, works with Edinburgh and Lothians youth football clubs to help unlock the education and football potential of 13-16 year old boys. Working with the full support of the Scottish Youth Football Association (SYFA), the programme will engage the boys, their parents and their coaches with the educational opportunities open to them at local colleges and universities.



Tactics

Following consultation with the Scottish Youth Football Association (SYFA), enthusiastic local youth teams and coaches are identified and approached with a view to current and future participation in the programme.

Aim

- ⊗ Use engagement and dedication to sport as a lever to introduce aspiring young footballers to education and career opportunities via school, college and university.

Shoot

- ⊗ Provide the players, their coaches and their parents with information on standard grade and higher course options, along with unbiased guidance on routes into further and higher education.

Score

- ⊗ Raise the aspirations of boys in the 13 to 16 year old age range, while addressing the academic underachievement evident in this group.

Activities

Educated Pass

- ⊗ Engages the parents from the kick-off by outlining the initiative and introducing Educated Pass as a source of academic guidance and advice.

De Toekomst

- ⊗ Challenges the cultural perception that football and education are not compatible, by illustrating the overlap in skills, attitude and commitment needed to succeed in the classroom and on the pitch.

Football and Education

- ⊗ Illustrates the educational opportunities at college or university (sport and non-sport related); by utilizing current role model students and their experiences.

On Campus

- ⊗ Familiarises the boys with the college/university based learning, by providing a positive experience which will generate academic aspirations.

Hall of Fame

- ⊗ A positive and novel experience at the stadium of a local professional club, during which individuals from the professional game are identified as role models based on their academic and sporting success.

Le Tournoi

- ⊗ A one day tournament event celebrating the boys engagement in Educated Pass, which also motivates them for success in the coming year; both in the classroom and on the pitch.

Golden Goal

- ⊗ A one-off evening Conference delivering a positive education message through renowned and credible football guest speakers.