



East Renfrewshire Citizens

Advice Bureau Weekly Update

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Adult Disability Payment

Adult Disability Payment is extra money to help you if you have a disability or long-term health condition that affects your everyday life.

We refer to these things as your condition.

Adult Disability Payment is made up of 2 parts:

1. daily living
2. mobility

You may qualify for one or both parts.

The amount you get depends on how your condition affects your ability to do everyday activities and get around.

It does not matter if you're working or not. Your income and savings are not taken into account.

You can apply for Adult Disability Payment if you have either a:

- disability or long-term physical or mental health condition
- terminal illness

You can still apply if you're waiting for a diagnosis and you need to be between 16 and State Pension age.

Applications for Adult Disability Payment will open during 2022. Applications will be limited to start with while Social Security Scotland makes sure the process works. Applications for those from East Renfrewshire will be open from 29 August.

ERCAB will be offering assistance with applications once they commence. For more info on this, please contact the office on **0141 881 2032** to speak to one of our experienced advisers.

Debt Happens Campaign

Need help getting out of debt? East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau should be your first port of call. Our debt adviser is here to help with free, confidential, impartial advice. For help with debt, please contact our money adviser, Julie on **07901607309** or call the office on **0141 881 2032**.

Visit www.cas.org.uk/debt-happens for more information.

MEGA Fund

The "More Electricity & Gas Assistance" (MEGA) fund is an emergency fund to support households in vulnerable situations to maintain health and wellbeing and to avoid self-disconnection. The fund is available to customers with pre-payment meters and each voucher value will be a maximum of £28 for an individual person and a maximum of £49 for a couple or family with maximum of 3 vouchers allowed per individual or couple/family. This is based on referral from an agency. Examples of services who can make referrals includes anything from housing support, health professionals, advice workers, foodbanks etc. (this list is not exhaustive). If you think you may be eligible for this, please contact ERCAB on **0141 881 2032** or email ere-bureau@eastrenfrewshireCAB.casonline.org.uk.co.uk

Good News Story – HERO (Helping East Renfrewshire Online)

Client visited ERCAB drop-in session at James McGuire building for an appointment with our HERO adviser, Sarah. The HERO project helps those who do not have access to a computer or who struggle to use technology, to apply for jobs under their claimant commitment for either Universal Credit or Job Seekers Allowance.

The client was assisted to log into his myjobscotland account to apply for a local maintenance job. Client has been unemployed and on Universal Credit for a number of years. The following week when he came in for his appointment at the drop-in session, he had an email to say that he was through to the next stage of the recruitment process. This was the first time in years that he had been offered an interview so was over the moon. Client is currently awaiting outcome of interview. Regarding the HERO project, the client said *"he would be hopeless without it and it has really helped him to grow his confidence online."*

If you are struggling to get online or need assistance with using digital technology, please contact our HERO adviser, Sarah on **0141 881 2032** or attend the HERO drop-in sessions at the James McGuire Centre – 10am - 2pm Mondays & Thursdays.

You can also keep up to date with recent news from ERCAB via our social media platforms.

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