Want more information?
We have lots more information including case studies, information on our professional areas and details of upcoming events on our website: www.ed.ac.uk/student-recruitment/widening-participation/reach

Want to sign up?
If you are in S4-S6 and you attend one of our target schools, as listed on our website, you can sign up using our online registration form, also on our website.

If you attend a non-target school, you should contact us directly on reach@ed.ac.uk so we can assess your eligibility and, if appropriate, process your registration.

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Medicine Student, previously a member of Access to the Professions

“I’ve developed my confidence, broadened my understanding of the legal profession greatly, and made a new group of friends within both the Access to the Professions team and amongst the other students. I can’t begin to express how thankful I am that this project was there to support me as I took the final steps.”

Law Student, previously a member of Access to the Professions

“My favourite part of the week was the clinical skills we learned with the staff at Easter Bush because we learned things that are taught to current Vet students. This gave me a really good insight to some of the things that I will need to do at University but also as a qualified Vet”

Access to the Professions Vet pupil, Langhill Farm Work Experience Placement participant
Access to the Professions works with school pupils, their families, teachers/advisers and professional bodies to raise awareness of courses and careers in Law, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. The project is run by the University of Edinburgh in conjunction with Reach Scotland and supports eligible S4-S6 pupils in state schools across Edinburgh, the Lothians, Forth Valley and Scottish Borders.

Why Law, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine?

These university courses are particularly competitive for entry. Successful applicants not only need to be academically well qualified; but they also benefit from extensive research into the courses and careers. The best prepared applicants demonstrate that they have a realistic view of the life, skills and qualities of a Lawyer, Doctor or Vet through career exploration and research. Access to the Professions provides opportunities, encouragement and detailed advice to pupils on what is required as well as guidance on school course choice and all aspects of the UCAS application process.

What does Access to the Professions do?

Access to the Professions provides information, advice and guidance on applying to our specific subject areas. We offer a wide range of events and activities to support our pupils, their parents/guardians and advisers through the application process. Activities include:

- One-to-one pre-application guidance for prospective students, their families and advisers
- Guidance on relevant work observation/career exploration opportunities
- Work experience placements arranged for Access to the Professions pupils
- Information on academic course and extra-curricular requirements
- The opportunity to meet and shadow current students
- On-campus career exploration workshops and events, including public lectures, Higher revision classes and workshops on personal statements, interview technique and the UKCAT
- Applicant mentoring
- Parents’ information sessions

Who can join Access to the Professions?

Any S4 to S6 pupil from one of our target schools in Edinburgh, the Lothians, Scottish Borders or Forth Valley who is interested in Law, Medicine or Veterinary Medicine can get involved in Access to the Professions! You’ll find a list of our target schools on our website as well as our registration form.

If you attend a non-target school in Edinburgh, the Lothians, Scottish Borders or Forth Valley, you may still be able to join Access to the Professions. You’ll find a list of our additional eligibility criteria on our website or you can contact us for more information.

To find out whether you are eligible to join the project, you should contact us directly by email. We will assess your eligibility and, if appropriate, process your registration.