## **GOLD ACCREDITATION FOR PROJECT SEARCH**

The Project SEARCH University of Aberdeen team has been announced as the first organisation in the North East to be accredited at gold level by Developing Young Workforce North East.

The DYW Quality Accreditation is awarded to partnerships that encourage the employment of young people and meet a core set of standards to support the development of excellence in the region. It is awarded at three levels: bronze, silver and gold and is reviewed annually.

The accreditation evaluation report noted that "DYW was very impressed with the Project SEARCH programme, the attention to detail demonstrated by staff and the level of involvement demonstrated by staff and parents".

Since the launch of the scheme 8 weeks ago, 7 awards have been made across the North East of Scotland and the Project SEARCH team is delighted to be announced as the first to merit gold level accreditation.