

**Edinburgh School Uniform Bank (ESUB)** is a local charity that supports pupils' attendance inclusion, wellbeing and education by providing school uniform and other essentials for families who are facing hardship. In most instances, the best way to meet the needs of children and young people is to maximise the income of their household, but ESUB can help when families are in crisis and have no other way of accessing essentials or money to buy them.

ESUB provides a variety of forms of support:

- **Partnerships** with schools and community groups to provide clothing and other essentials on-site. Each partnership is tailored to local needs and could take the form of new uniform that staff can provide to pupils as needed, a rail of preloved clothing that is topped up regularly, support with uniform swap events, or a supply of specific items like underwear when there is a particular need.
- **Clothing Crisis Packs** for children and young people on a referral-only basis for those who are in extreme need and have no other way of accessing uniform and other essentials and where an "income maximisation" approach is unworkable.
- **Signposting** to resources such as free-to-access clothing supplies, grants for shoes and coats, resources to maximise incomes and other support.

All of ESUB's services are subject to the charity's limited resources (they do not receive any CEC funding) and should only be requested when statutory support has been exhausted.

Cross-sector collaboration is essential to give all of Edinburgh's youngsters the best opportunities. ESUB relies on the whole community to make its work possible, so you are encouraged to consider how your school can support their work:

- Donate good quality preloved uniform, coats and other items that ESUB can re-home where there is most need (please note that badged items should not be donated to ESUB – they should be re-used within individual schools).
- Encourage pupils to consider ESUB when undertaking projects and fundraising events such as the YPI scheme.
- Act on [government guidance around school uniform](#) to remove barriers to education. In particular, "Branded items of uniform and blazers should not be compulsory, nor promoted or encouraged by schools".

For further information please visit the ESUB website [www.edinburghuniform.org](http://www.edinburghuniform.org).