



Youth Work in the Ardnamurchan area

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THE BIG HEADLINES



Youth work is an educational practice

It is an **empowering** process which is about

- Building self-esteem and self-confidence
- Developing the ability to manage personal and social relationships
- Creating opportunities for learning
- Building the capacity of young people to consider risk, make reasoned decisions and take control
- Having a targeted approach within a range of services for everyone
- Having FUN

Key facts and stats

The Ardnamurchan team worked with 50 youngsters aged between 11 and 25 amounting to around 347 meaningful contacts

In total there were approx 520 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on nearly 55 separate occasions.

These took place in: The Sunart Centre, Ardnamurchan High School, within the local communities, Highland Youth Parliament and Youth Forum meetings.

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

Youth Activities in the Sunart Centre:

The Youth development team provide social, sporting and recreational opportunities for young people living in the Sunart, Ardgour, Morvern, Ardnamurchan and Moidart areas . This group runs every Tuesday evening to support young people to develop the programme and encourage active participation in the activities, to provide and develop information points specifically for young people in the Ardnamurchan area and most of all have FUN!

FUSION events:

Fusion events have been a big hit for young people in Ardnamurchan. The Youth development team have put on various events such as 'FUSION food nights' and 'FUSION film night'. These events will continue to run throughout the year and develop on the feedback from young people.

➤ **Quote from a young person**

"I thoroughly enjoyed the session ." and "Healthy food is good and simple to make."

Youth Development within the High school:

Youth development work with any young person from 12-25Yrs in the Ardnamurchan area. Currently we are working alongside the High School pupils to see where youth development can fit within their local communities and how we can build stronger relationships between young people and the school and communities they live in.



HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING

➤ **Getting On** – achievements through learning
Looking at the work young people are already doing through various projects like Highland Youth Parliament and volunteering at youth events.

Recognise young people for the time and commitment they put in to various projects

➤ **Getting Heard** – confident voices, influencing decisions
Ardnamurchan now has two new Highland Youth Parliament Representatives who will be in post for 2years. They will be a voice for all young people in the Ardnamurchan area, attending various events Highland wide.

Their first job in post will be to start a local Youth forum and get it kick-started in 2017. This will involve recruiting other young people to be part of the forum and finding out what the main topics and issues are for young people within the community.

➤ **Getting Involved** – youth work: it's educational
YDO will continue to build on the strong partnerships with the High School and the wider community to get youth work recognised as a valuable resource in the personal, social and educational development of young people.

Youth Forum will contribute to the Highland Youth Parliament campaigns to do with political engagement, mental health, transport and PSE.

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