



Youth Work in the Charleston 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 Charleston youth team worked with over 250 youngsters aged between 11 and 25 amounting to about 820 meaningful contacts

In total there were 2327 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on 152 separate occasions.

Activities took place in Charleston Academy, Community Complex, Kimmylies Church, Kiltarlity Village Hall and trips away.

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

Lunch Club

The youth team have developed a Lunch Club to provide a safe environment for young people who struggle with social inclusion. Working in partnership with the school CSW this area is a reliable point of contact for any young person who needs support. This club aims to improve individual's confidence and social skills.

Cookwell

Supported by the Calman Trust, Cookwell projects aim to develop confidence levels when in a kitchen environment. This project has especially aided the development of young people who give primary support at home or who require direction whilst in their education years. A three course meal will be prepared (from scratch!) and enjoyed during the two hour sessions.

Youth Forum

Youth forum meet to discuss the issues that affect them locally. Members are in the process of producing a survey which will be dispersed to every school pupil. This survey aims to find out what young people want in their area and the issues they would like resolved.

Fusion

Fusion continues to run monthly, providing multi activities for young people aged 12-19. This is a free event that is supported by our young leaders.

Quote from partner

"My experience at Charleston Academy has been supporting ,engaging and positive. Working together to get the best possible outcomes for young people"

Quote from parent

"I think this is an amazing project my child is learning new skills and getting support from Youth work"

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING

Getting On – achievements through learning

The youth team ran their first 'Go Lead' course for young people. This course equipped the young people with leadership skills which were then used during the P7 transition programme. An awards drop in has been set up on a Wednesday lunch time and after school. The time provided will ensure that young people have the support, materials and information needed to achieve their goal.

Getting Heard – confident voices, influencing decisions

Highland Youth Parliament- It was the year of elections for school representatives. Young people were informed about HYP during their assemblies. 3 candidates ran to secure their place on the parliament board, presenting their thoughts and pledges throughout the school and helping to run the election process.

Getting Involved – youth work: it's educational

In partnership with the school and Adult Learning youth workers have now established an employability group. This group will work together on the SCQF employability award. This will allow staff to identify those who would benefit from literacies support.

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