



## Youth Work in the Fort Augustus Area

April 2016 – September 2016

### 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 youth team has worked with over 52 young people between March 2016 and October 2016, amounting to 1224 meaningful contacts.

In total there were approximately 744 hours of engagement with young people

These occurred on 35 occasions and were delivered in and around the Great Glen

# THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

## Fort Augustus Youth Club

After the village hall was taken over by the community and remodelled it has become a much more user friendly space for a variety of local groups to use, and with an increased number of young people in the area we hope his club will continue to grow in popularity for the young people to enjoy. The attendees are coming from an increasingly wider area and seem to enjoy the atmosphere at this established club. This interaction from a wider area brings a great sense of community and cohesion.

We continue to run the youth club on two nights a week as this seems to fit with the demand of the young people.

### ➤ *Quote from a youngster*

"I like it when we make pancakes at youth club

### ➤ *Quote from a parent*

"The youth club is good, it would be good if we had a junior one too though."

### ➤ *Quote from a partner*

"I would like to see more young people helping out in the community."

## Fort Augustus Youth Forum

The young people who have attended our youth forum this year have been particularly busy throughout the school term co-ordinating and helping with school events and fund raisers.

I am immensely proud of our representative who attended the Highland Youth Parliament residential in June. She worked tirelessly to ensure that others got the most from their experience. It is encouraging to see young people who are aware that others are not getting the most from the experience and try to rectify the situation through friendship.



## HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

### ➤ *Getting On* – achievements through learning

Encouraging Young People to sign up for a variety of awards that show achievement for their personal achievements and to gain recognition for work they are already doing.

### ➤ *Getting Heard* – confident voices, influencing decisions

Developing a stronger area youth forum and promoting involvement in the wider community.

Encourage a strong youth representation in the youth club committee.

### ➤ *Getting Involved* – youth work: it's educational

Continue the strong partnerships with Fort Augustus Community Company and the wider community to get youth work recognised as a valuable resource for the area. The community are looking forward to the new build of the new medical centre. Although this has put a huge amount of pressure on the community company, the relief at having a permanent home for the will be felt throughout the community.

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