



Youth Work in the Grantown Area

April 2016 to September 2016

The **BIG** headlines



Key facts and stats

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

Between April 2016 to September 2016 the Grantown area youth team engaged with over 78 young people aged between 11 and 21 amounting to nearly 600 meaningful contacts.

In total there were around 600 hours of engagement with young people.

These were delivered on over 70 separate occasions.

They took place primarily in the Craig MacLean Centre, Grantown Grammar School and Grantown YMCA.

3 recognised awards were gained

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

COOKING GROUP

Pupils from Grantown Grammar participated in a cooking group in The Hub in partnership with the Calman Trust which helped them to learn about different recipes and how to prepare and cook different meals. This was beneficial not only for building confidence but also helped to develop independent living skills.

FUSION EVENTS

Fusion evenings were run in both Grantown YMCA and the Craig Maclean Centre in Grantown. Activities included bubble football and Lazertag. Events were well attended and gave an opportunity for youth workers to make new contact with the young people. Evaluation was encouraging as the young people stated that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

WORK IN SCHOOLS

The youth work team has recently been working in Grantown Grammar School. The majority of the engagement has been working with the learning support and guidance teams. This has included 1 to 1 work in learning support and working with S2 boys around mental health.

- **Quote from a young person**
"That was really fun, I enjoyed it!"
- **Quote from a partner**
"Thanks for the work you've done with us over the past year."

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

- **Getting On** – achievements through learning

Further promotion of wider achievement awards including Saltire for volunteering.

Developing opportunities in villages out with Grantown.

- **Getting Heard** – confident voices, influencing decisions

Developing a stronger area youth forum across Badenoch & Strathspey and promoting what they do.

Elections for new Highland Youth Parliament representatives to take place soon.

- **Getting Involved** – youth work: it's educational

Continue positive partnership with Grantown Grammar and Grantown YMCA to get youth work recognised as a valuable resource in the personal, social and educational development of young people.

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