



Youth Work in the Inverness High school 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 Inverness High School youth team worked with young people aged between 11 and 21 amounting to over 1960 meaningful contacts

In total there were 4120+ hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on 240 separate occasions.

Activities took place in The James Cameron Centre, Inverness High School, The Jannys' House, and James Cameron Youth Centre.

A total of 18 recognised awards were gained during this time scale.

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

The Jannies House

The Jannies House in Merkinch remains to be a valuable service, offering a drop in and safe space for young people in the Merkinch area. A youth worker is often available most evenings with scheduled open access on a Monday for anyone that want's to call in for chat.

Inverness High School

Youth Development continues to work alongside Inverness High School on projects such as the Lunch Base, Rock Challenge and Leadership. Opportunities to engage our Young People in youth work services and short courses are being developed in conjunction with the IHS Support Teacher and YFC Youth Worker.

Summer Fun and Transitions

Working in partnership with the Children's Service Worker, Active Schools, Merkinch Partnership and Police Scotland Merkinch and Dalneigh had a programme of activities during the summer holidays to support young people moving from primary to secondary education. The activities helped build confidence, make new friends and build relationships with professionals both within and out with school.

- *Quote from a youngster*
"I really enjoyed the gorge walking, it was hard but fun"
- *Quote from a partner*
"HIH have been really supportive with Transitions helping to enable our young people to achieve"
- *Quote from a parent*
"HLH has always been good for my children"

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

- *Getting On* – achievements through learning

Introducing more and varied awards for youth learning recognising the valuable contribution they make to their communities and personal learning. Young Leaders is also on the agenda, giving more young people opportunity's to gain valuable work experience.

- *Getting Heard* – confident voices, influencing decisions

Continue to support young people getting their voices heard at local level and Highland wide through Highland Youth Parliament and the local youth forum Young people's involvement on these committees is able to bring about changes in their own life and the lives of others within their local school and the wider community.

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

Continue to offer activities locally which allow young people to learn through enjoyment. Maintain and develop the partnerships with the wider community to get youth work recognised as a valuable resource in the personal, social and educational development of young people.

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