



Youth Work in Invergordon April – September 2016

What youth workers and young people have been up to April -Sept?

Youth Work and 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

In the period between April and September 2016, Invergordon youth team worked with approx. 1109 youngsters aged between 11 and 21 amounting to about 1158 meaningful contacts

In total there were approx. 5876 hours of engagement with young people
These were delivered on 147 separate occasions

These took place in Joss Street Hall, Invergordon Academy and various outdoor local community locations.

A total of 31 ASDAN and saltire awards were achieved.

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

Invergordon Youth Club

Youth club is held every Monday and Thursday night at Joss Street Hall between 7pm and 9pm. Each night sees up to 30 young people between the ages of 12 and 18 come through the door to play pool, listen to music, play darts and hang out with friends. Each week we try to do different activities such as baking, photography with iPad, graffiti art in the workshop along with different arts and crafts.

Super Summer Six

Invergordon Youth Club celebrated six years of its annual summer camping excursion to Cromarty Beach. Over the years many local young have started the school summer holidays with visit to the stunning beach location. Youth workers have taken great pride in enabling lots of our young people to have the opportunity get back to basics with more traditional activities, such as exploring rock pools, fishing from the pier, sailing, beach games and a firm favourite toasted marshmallow on the fire.



Did You Know!

HLH Youth Services run a weekly upcycle project within Joss Street Hall workshop space. Young people aged 11 -18 can pop in and help upcycle unwanted household items, learning new skills and playing a part in helping save the planet.



Invergordon Academy Achiever's

Invergordon Academy in partnership with High Life Highland has established two Prince's Trust Achieve Award Groups.

The Achieve award enables a range of S3 pupils to gain a recognised award through their involvement in a community based project. The pupils have totally embraced the opportunity to get involved in supporting their local community.

- **Quote from a youngster**
"I enjoy being part of the Achieve group as we do things differently"
- **Quote from a partner**
"Working in partnership with youth services helps to build wider opportunities for our young people"
- **Quote from a parent**
My son talks about the Achieve group when he comes home from school, that's got to be good"

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

- **Getting On** – achievements through learning

Expand the Community awards to include a wider range young people who could benefit from such an opportunity through volunteering.

Build on the success of the established employability skills development initiative based in Invergordon Academy and Joss Street Hall.

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

Roll out the young person's mental health awareness peer education project.

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

Continue to develop the strong partnerships with Invergordon Academy and 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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