



Youth Work in the Nairn 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 youth team worked with 81 young people over the past 6 months plus additional groups and individuals on an occasional basis and in supporting partner organisations. Number of meaningful contacts amounted to 2148.

In total there were at least 2957 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on 166 occasions

Activities took place in Nairn Youth Café and Nairn Academy

8 young people signed up under the HLH Leadership programme gaining 400 hours of SALTIRE awards and 10 training course certificates.

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

NAIRN YOUTH CAFÉ

Delivered by a team of youth workers on 2 nights a week: Wednesdays for S1 and HLH Young Leaders: Fridays for S2 and above. Young people enjoy socialising and have the opportunity to access and self-direct a range of activities and information in a nurtured environment. They develop life skills, and enjoy trying new things.

NAIRN YOUTH FORUM

Meets weekly during term time. following the success of their Positive Corner's mural project, current priorities include recruitment of younger member's to pass on skills and sustain a strong youth voice in Nairn.

- **What young people say**
"Youth Café gets me out of the house"
"I like to meet up with my friends there"
"I like making pancakes"
"I like some of the art activities and playing games"
- **young people about 16+project**
"I feel I've developed skills for work"
"I liked learning how to budget properly"
- **Nairn Academy about Political Masterclasses**
"we're getting really good feedback from pupils"
"well done, it's proved a popular choice"
Parent "my daughter loves the masterclass and says she feels sad at the thought of it ending."

Youth Services partnership work with Nairn Academy is being formalised in recognition of the valuable resource it offers in the personal, social and educational development of young people.

The 16+ project targeting young people preparing to make the transition from school to a positive destination will draw on a new Education/Chamber of Commerce partnership project "Developing Our Young Workforce".

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

- **Getting On** – achievements through learning
Youth Services supports young people who give their time to others, to gain recognition through a range of awards. They also facilitate volunteer placements for those already registered on leadership awards.
- **Getting Heard** – confident voices, influencing decisions
Politics "masterclasses" will continue with a second group of self-selecting 3rd years until February 2017. Plans are being made by Nairn Youth Forum to run a joint area conference with Badenoch & Strathspey Youth Forum.
- **Getting Involved** – youth work: it's educational
At their request, Penguin Tuxedo, a youth led street band is being supported in its new recruitment drive in local primary schools. Band members also aim to undertake additional leadership training to make the band more sustainable.

The local team aims to continue to support young people to identify, develop and deliver their own agendas and build skills for life.

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