



# Youth Work in the Dornoch 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

In the period, Dornoch youth work team worked with 130 young people aged between 11 and 19 amounting to about 850 meaningful contacts

In total there were almost 6,000 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on 90 separate occasions. Activities took place in Dornoch, The Academy trips away and to conferences.

# THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

## Dornoch Youth Club

The Youth Club meets every Tuesday night from 7pm-9pm in Dornoch Social Club for activities chat, taster sessions of new hobbies and sports. The young people also have enjoyed trips over the summer to Codonas Aberdeen, Landmark and Infinity Trampoline Park Inverness.

## Developing the Young Work Force

Working in partnership with Dornoch Academy and the Chamber Of Commerce we arranged our second business breakfast. 11 local businesses attended with 33 young people speed networking each business.

This will now be an annual event, to build on partnerships between youth work, school, local business and the Chamber of Commerce.

Based on employer and young people's feedback, in the New Year we hope to organise a junior business breakfast where young people in 2<sup>nd</sup> year would be able to gain knowledge on qualifications needed to enter a specific career prior to subject choices at school.

Our Next project is a Careers fair in February.

## Youth Philanthropy Initiative

Our winning team were chosen as one of three groups in Scotland to be invited to the STV studios in Glasgow to be filmed for Scotland Tonight. The young people had a great experience and then our team were invited to Perth to the final celebration where the Scotland Tonight programme was shown to an audience of 2,500 young people from all corners of Scotland. The team were great representatives of Highland, Dornoch and TYKES the charity they were representing.

## HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

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

Expansion of the Developing the young workforce project  
Further promotion of wider achievement awards Including Employability Awards in partnership with Dornoch Academy and the business community

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

Attending conferences and inviting Councillors, MPs and MSPs to hear the issues young people face in their own communities.

Empowering young people to have a voice at local decision making committees and consultations

Sutherland Youth Forum will continue to contribute to the Highland Youth Parliament and deliver its action plan to address mental health, sexual health and transport issues that affect many young people

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

Continue the strong partnerships with Dornoch 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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Scotland Tonight YPI Filming



Some of the young people who volunteered in their local communities for over 12,000 hours to gain 130 Saltire Awards