

Youth Work in the Gairloch 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 Gairloch youth team worked with over 44 youngsters aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 199 meaningful contacts

In total there were 683 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on 16 separate occasions

Sessions took place in Gairloch High School and The Den Youth Club.

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

The Den Youth Club

The youth work team has been supporting the Den Youth club by bringing in new and exciting activities for the young people to engage with. Fusion events have been held at the Den and have increased the numbers of young people attending

Gairloch Youth Forum

A new youth forum is being developed and will see more members join over the coming year. School assemblies are planned by current members in order to inform the school community about membership of a local youth forum and the Highland Youth Parliament.

Supporting young people in need

The youth service team has been working closely with Gairloch High School, Primary Heads and lead practitioners in identifying young people with particular needs and creating early intervention projects which will help these young people reach their full potential and gain recognised youth achievement awards.

Quote from a youngster;

“I am looking forward to being a member of the youth forum and raising awareness of issues that affect young people living in Gairloch”.

Quote from a partner;

“It’s great to have the support of the youth development officer who will be able to help us to develop the den”.

HOW’S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

Getting On – achievements through learning

HLH Youth Service will continue to support the local youth club, The Den, by deploying a sessional member of staff to create a stronger and more resilient community. Work with the Den will enable young people to access a wider range of exciting activities and personal development opportunities.

Recognising achievement through The John Muir Award.

Getting On – confident voices, influencing decisions

Continue to support young people getting their voices heard at local level and Highland wide through Highland Youth Parliament. Develop a stronger area youth forum, promoting what they do.

Getting Involved - youth work: it’s educational

A group of young people have been identified and will be starting the project in April 2016 for a period of three months. The project will be supporting young people with particular needs to reach their full potential in education, social and emotional needs

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