

# Youth Work in the Grantown area

October 2015 to March 2016

## The **BIG** headlines



### Key facts and stats

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

The youth team worked with over 89 young people aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 636 meaningful contacts.

In total there were approx 2,400 hours of engagement with young people.

These were delivered on 70 separate occasions.

And took place in the Craig MacLean Centre, Grantown Grammar School, Grantown YMCA and Grantown Service Point.

3 recognised awards were gained

# THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

16+ Group

Pupils from Grantown Grammar participated in an eight week programme in partnership with SDS. The programme looked at a range of different topics from CV writing and interview skills to independent living and budgeting. Feedback from young people was positive with the young people reporting increased knowledge and career information as they look to leave school.

## FUSION EVENTS

Fusion evenings were run in both Grantown YMCA and the Craig Maclean Centre in Grantown. Activities included bubble football and Lazertag. Events were well attended and gave an opportunity for youth workers to make new contact with the young people. Evaluation was encouraging as the young people stated that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## ACTIVITY AGREEMENTS

The youth team worked with a small number of recent school leavers in order to help support them gain real life work experience and help develop interview skills and apply for college. It was pleasing to note that two young people made successful applications.

- **Quote from a youngster**  
"Really cool and fun, amazeballs!"
- **Quote from a parent**  
"Thanks for the time you spent with him and everything you did."

## HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

- **Getting On** – achievements through learning

Further promotion of wider achievement awards including Saltire for volunteering.

Developing opportunities in villages out with Grantown.

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

Developing a stronger area youth forum across Badenoch & Strathspey and promoting what they do.

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

Further partnership with Grantown Grammar and Grantown YMCA to get youth work recognised as a valuable resource in the personal, social and educational development of young people.

Youth Forum will contribute to the Highland Youth Parliament campaigns to do with political engagement, mental health, transport, PSE and Looked After Children

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