

Youth Work in the Inverness Royal 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 Inverness Royal Academy youth team worked with over 120 youngsters aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 1822 meaningful contacts

In total there were 3626 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on nearly 100 separate occasions.

And took place in Inverness Royal Academy and Hilton Community Centre.

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

HILTON GIRLS GROUP

The Hilton Girls Group meets every Wednesday at the Hilton Community Centre. They take part in baking, arts & crafts, dance, as well as group discussions. Girls Group continues to be the setting for positive relationships between girls and their peers. They share experiences in a safe environment, develop life skills, build new relationships and learn to work together on group activities positively.

FUSION EVENTS

Fusions are popular events at the community centre and increase the number of young people partaking in a variety of educational and diversionary activities. Young people explore their interests by taking part in new activities which contribute to healthy living as well as making new friends.

HILTON YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth activities are held at the Hilton Community Centre on Thursday and Friday evenings. The youth team provide opportunities for young people to get involved in new and exciting activities and encourage positive relations between young people, their peers and youth workers. They take part in physical activity, develop social skills, voice their opinions and discover their interests.

Quote from a youngster

"I enjoy meeting with my friends in a safe and friendly environment"

Quote from a partner

"Working in partnership helps to strengthen relationships and creates wider opportunities for young people within our local community".



HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

Getting On – achievements through learning

Development of the awards project will enhance volunteering opportunities for the young people within the IRA ASG, ensuring they are acknowledged and rewarded for their commitment within their community. Building on the success of existing youth activities and developing further projects for the Hilton Youth Club, Inverness Royal Academy and local community.

Getting Heard – confident voices, influencing decisions

Developing the IRA youth forum and supporting the great work that young people do within their community and helping them to improve their personal development. IRA Youth Forum will contribute to the Highland Youth Parliament campaigns which enable young people to create positive change within their lives and their community.

Getting Involved – youth work: it's educational

Continue to share responsibility and power with young people to help them develop competencies and feel empowered. This will be achieved by sustaining strong partnerships with the IRA and the wider community so that youth work is recognised as a valuable tool to help young people achieve their potential. Young people will also be recognised for their commitment through wider achievement awards.

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