

# Youth Work in the Invergordon 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**

Invergordon youth team has worked with over 150 youngsters aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 1640 meaningful contacts

In total there were 6383 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on 122 separate occasions

These took place in Joss Street Hall & Invergordon Academy

# THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

## Invergordon Youth Club

Youth club is held every Monday and Thursday night at Joss Street Hall between 7pm and 9pm.

Each night sees up to 30 young people between the ages of 12 and 18 come through the door to play pool, listen to music, play darts and hang out with friends.

Each week we try to do different activities such as baking, photography with iPad, graffiti art in the workshop along with different arts and crafts.

## HLH/North Highland College Employability Programme

Now in its third year, 16 learners are working towards completing the PEP course based within Joss Street youth centre. The majority of participants have secured a work placement or an employment opportunity.

## Upcycle Invergordon Project

In partnership with the Cromarty Firth Men's Shed and Birchwood Highland nine young learners have gained essential practical life skills to refurbish the disused garden workshop at Joss Street Hall. The combined forces of younger and older learners have upcycled a number of household items to help raise funds for the future.

### ➤ *Quote from a youngster*

"I enjoy Rock challenge and being part of a team and making new friends

### *Quote from a partner*

"Working in partnership with youth services helps to build wider opportunities for our young people"

### ➤ *Quote from a parent*

My daughter has loads of confidence which she had been lacking in before. Thank you

## HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

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

Expansion of the Saltire Awards to include more young people who could benefit from such an opportunity through volunteering.

Develop the pilot HLH youth leadership training held during Easter 2016 in partnership with Active Schools and Invergordon Academy.

Enable the intergenerational initiative of the Men's Shed and upcycle project flourish during the coming year.

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

Developing a stronger area youth forum and promoting what they do.

### ➤ *Getting Involved* – youth work: it's fun

Continue the strong partnerships with Invergordon 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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