

Youth Work in the Kilchuimen area

October 2015 – March 2016

Youth Work and 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 youth team has worked with over 30 young people amounting to 684 meaningful contacts.

In total there were approximately 1792 hours of engagement with young people

These occurred on 59 occasions and were delivered in Fort Augustus

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

Fort Augustus Youth Club

After the village hall was taken over by the community and remodelled it has become a much more user friendly space for a variety of local groups to use, and with an increased number of young people in the area we hope his club will continue to grow in popularity for the young people to enjoy. The attendees are coming from an increasingly wider area and seem to enjoy the atmosphere at this established club. This interaction from a wider area brings a great sense of community and cohesion. We continue to run the youth club on two nights a week as this seems to fit with the demand of the young people.

- **Quote from a youngster**
“I enjoy Youth Club and the staff are fun”
- **Quote from a parent**
“My child enjoys going to Youth Club and when we are able we try to go to the club In Drum too.”
- **Quote from a partner**
“Working together means everyone is a winner”

Fort Augustus Youth Forum

The young people who have attended our youth forum this year have been particularly busy throughout the school term co-ordinating and helping with school events and fund raisers.

Our main representation from Kilchuimen Academy for Inverness Youth has in fact doubled in recent months and both of these young people have applied for the HYP event at Sabhal Mor Ostaig on Skye this June 2016.

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

- **Getting On** – achievements through learning

Encouraging Young People to sign up for the Saltire award and gain recognition for work they are already doing.

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

Developing a stronger area youth forum and promoting what they do to the wider community.

Encouraging a stronger representation within the youth club committee

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

Continue the strong partnerships with Fort Augustus Community Company and the wider community to get youth work recognised as a valuable resource for the area.

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