

Youth Work in the Kinlochbervie 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 Kinlochbervie youth team worked with over 40 young people aged between 12 and 25 amounting to about 550 meaningful contacts

In total there were approximately 1231 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on 30 separate occasions

And took place in Kinlochbervie.

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

KINLOCHBERVIE YOUTH PORTACABIN – a great area for the youths to come and chill out. The portacabin is open on a Thursday evening for 2 hrs and offers a neutral place that is very relaxed and encourages youngsters to participate in non-curricular activities. They also have the opportunity to use the AstroTurf pitch.

GOBLIN RACING CAR P7 TRANSITION. The IET Formula Goblin project aims to inspire children aged 9 – 11 years old to take an interest in engineering in a fun and innovative way. The project is for children to build their very own functioning and drivable electric car. Kinlochbervie has 3 catchment primary schools and covers a large ASG. To enable the P7's transition into high school and to enable the P7 pupils to get used to travelling to and from their communities and understand the routines of the high school they run the project on an annual basis to enable a smooth transition into high school. From the period of January until June, once a month the youngsters are transported to the high school and undertake a project to develop skills that they will require for high school.

These include problem solving, social skills, observing, describing and recording, interacting with others and developing awareness of self and others, written presentation skills, oral skills and the capacity to undertake initiative. The final race day is 18th June in Alford, Aberdeenshire.



- *Quote from a youngster - We love having things to do in our village.*
- *Quote from a partner – Youth work in the area enables sustainability*
- *Quote from a parent – My Daughter has found a new confidence by being involved in youth activities.*

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

➤ *Getting On* – achievements through learning

Currently supporting every pupil in the school to be registered and working on their Saltire Awards.

Community intergenerational projects - working with the local community residents to participate with digital inclusion.

Support D of E with volunteering and skills opportunities. Supporting the "Developing Young Workforce" programme.

Promoting Youth Leadership Awards.

➤ *Getting Heard* – confident voices, influencing decisions

Weekly Youth Forum meetings will continue after Summer Holidays

Youth Reps will be elected in September for the new School year. There will be 2 for every class in High School.

Elections for Highland Youth Parliament will also take place in Autumn 2016.

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

Transition work for Primary 7s began after the Christmas holidays and offers activities to get involved and meet up with each other.

Summer Activities- Wide range of trips and activities will take place in the summer holidays - including Drama, Arts and Film supported by Eden Court Creative Arts and the Highland Youth Arts Hub.

Youth Network and Health & Wellbeing partnership- these are ways for anyone to get involved in the planning of youth work and wider community work.

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