

Youth Work in the NAIRN 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 worked with nearly 100 young people which amounted to 1668 meaningful contacts

In total there were approx 3200 hours of engagement with young people and

These were delivered on 121 occasions

And took place in Nairn Youth Café and Nairn Community Centre

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

NAIRN YOUTH CAFÉ opened 3 nights a week. It continues to be the setting for positive relationships between young people and youth workers. Youngsters meet and learn together in a safe environment. They develop life skills, they enjoy trying new things and contribute positively to their community

What young people say

"Youth Café gets me out of the house"

"It's a safe place to meet friends"

The leaders are friendly. I can talk to them"

"I like the things to do"

"I get a say in what happens"

- **young people about Retro FUSION**
- "please do something like this again" "it was amazing" "awesome" "loved tonight, so original" "something different"
- **Community Safety Officer about Youth Cafe**
"The young people obviously really want to be here. They value it."
- **a parent**
"Thanks for your support"

NAIRN YOUTH FORUM meets weekly during term time. Achievements in 2015 2016 include

- representing local young people at 2 Highland Youth Parliaments
- delivering a workshop "What makes a good Youth Forum" to peers from other areas
- developing "Positive Corners" a publicly praised mural project for the wall on the back path to Nairn Academy

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

➤ **Getting On** – achievements through learning
Partnering Active Schools to pilot a new Leadership Club on Friday afternoons to coincide with Nairn Academy's new timetable

Working in partnership with Skills Development Scotland, and the Children's Service Worker to support young people to succeed during key transition points from primary to secondary school and 16+ to life after school.

➤ **Getting Heard** – confident voices, influencing decisions
Nairn Youth Forum supporting Highland Youth Parliament campaigns with plans to deliver term time "masterclasses" to motivate more young people to have a voice and plans for a further health and wellbeing project in 2017

➤ **Getting Empowered** – youth work: it's educational
Continue the strong partnerships with Nairn Academy and the wider community to get youth work recognised as a valuable resource in the personal, social and educational development of young people.

Continue to support young people to identify, develop and deliver their own agendas and build skills for life.

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