

# Youth Work in the Plockton 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 Plockton youth team worked with over 145 youngsters aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 723 meaningful contacts

In total there were 2686 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on 49 separate occasions

And took place in Plockton High School, Auchtertyre Learning Centre, Lochalsh Youth Club, and a Ski trip to the Cairngorms mountain range

A total of 47 recognised awards were gained

# THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

## Lochalsh Youth Club

The youth service team has supported the club, formerly known as Kyle youth café, through some very difficult times. Having closed for a year the club is now stronger than ever with regular attendance of 25 young people. Young people are engaging in many new activities and adventure trips organised in conjunction with the youth work team.

## Plockton Youth Forum

Now having over 20 members the Plockton youth forum has brought empowerment to the whole school community. Every young person attending Plockton High school has engaged in matters that affect young people living in the area. Young people take part in surveys and debates relating to transport issues and service provision for young people

## Supporting young people in need

The youth service team have been working closely with Plockton High School in identifying young people with particular needs by creating early intervention projects which will help these young people reach their full potential and gain recognised youth achievement awards

### *Quote from a youngster*

"I Loved the Graffiti art session" it gave me the opportunity to learn a new skill and have great fun."

### *Quote from a partner*

"working alongside the YDO for Lochalsh has been of great support for Lochalsh youth club, We are able to provide far more varied activities to our young people, such as Skiing, graffiti and Fusion events."

### *Quote from a parent*

"My Daughter was so proud of her art work she did with the youth team".

## HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

### *Getting On* – achievements through learning

Continue to support and assist in the growth of a stronger volunteer base, enabling young people to access a wider range of exciting activities and personal development opportunities

Recognising achievement through the many awards available i.e. Saltire awards and Youth Achievement Awards

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

Plockton Youth Forum has developed a stronger area youth forum promoting what they do. It will contribute to the Highland Youth Parliament campaigns and enable young people to create positive changes within their lives and their community.

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

Continue the strong partnerships with Plockton High School, SDS and the wider community by identifying and supporting young people with particular needs to reach their full potential. Youth work encourages and supports young people to gain recognised accreditation for learning undertaken.

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