



# 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 65 youngsters aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 360 meaningful contacts

In total there were 1713 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on 40 separate occasions

And took place in Plockton High School, Auchtertyre Learning Centre, Lochalsh Youth Club, Torrin outdoor centre, Local environment,

# THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

## Lochalsh Youth Club

The youth service team has supported Lochalsh Youth Club during its normal operating hours as well as creating new opportunities for the young people which include Trips to Inverness, Trips to other youth clubs in the Highlands, Drumming workshops, DJ workshops, Art and craft sessions, and running Open Fusion events to encourage new membership.

## Plockton Youth Forum

Plockton Youth forum currently has 18 active members, two of which sit on the Highland Youth Parliament executive committee. Plockton youth forum continues to bring empowerment to the whole school community by engaging them in matters that affect young people living in the area.

## 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 have learnt so much by doing the Duke of Edinburgh awards with the youth work team."

### Quote from a partner;

"The youth work team have given our students opportunities they would not otherwise have had."

### Quote from a parent;

"My son has become so much more independent and confident by taking part in the DofE".

## HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

### *Getting On* – achievements through learning

Continue to Support Lochalsh Youth Club and its volunteers to create new opportunities and learning experiences for its members, and hold open events to encourage new membership.

Recognising achievement through the many awards available i.e. John Muir awards, Duke of Edinburgh awards, and Youth Achievement Awards

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

Plockton Youth Forum has seen many of its older members leave the school recently who have left a legacy with its younger members to take forward in the future, they will continue to 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, Youth action team, 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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