



Youth Work in the Portree area

April 2016 – Sept 2016

THE BIG HEADLINES



Saltire awards presentation at YIYC event



Open-water snorkelling at Torrin

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 and participation in decision-making
- 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

From April to September 2016, Portree Youth Service worked with over 60 individual youngsters aged between 11 and 23 amounting to 1176 meaningful contacts

In total there were over 1,500 hours of engagement in learning with young people

These were delivered on 74 separate occasions and took place in Broadford, Portree, Torrin, Kyle, Dunvegan, Sleat and the Cairngorms

A total of 20 Saltire Group Challenge Awards were gained throughout the period

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Duirinish Youth Club

The YDO supported DYC committee in a successful application to Cashback for Communities (the proceeds of crime fund) to employ a professional youth worker for a year. Nicola started in April and has increased attendance at the club from a handful to 30+ per week

Summer Adventurous Activities Programme
Portree & Plockton YDOs worked together to offer 8 full-day activities at Torrin Outdoor Centre in July/Aug. Inclusion in the brochure, online booking facility and transport provision enabled participation by young people from remote communities who may not have the opportunity to access regular youth provision.

Broadford Youth Club - Health & Wellbeing
Fantastic successes for BYC's football teams this season: the -18s team were Skye & Lochalsh League champions and Katherine Dibble was named -15s player of the year. Donald Fraser was Bank of Scotland's Midnight League's Highland player of the year – BYC organised & hosted 10 sessions open to all aged 11-16. The YDO & AYW delivered a session on "sexting" to BYC Girls' Group to raise awareness of the legalities and implications of sharing intimate photos online

- *Quote from a young person:* I learnt how important it is to look after each other in dangerous situations (re gorge-walking)
- *Quote from a partner:* The YDO played a key role in ensuring young people's views were included in the Community Conversations project (SLCVO)
- *Quote from a parent:* I hardly recognise my daughter! She comes home after each session full of what she's been doing – her confidence has just grown and grown. Thank you so much for what you do



Donald Fraser (centre) – BoS Highland Player of the Year

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

- **Getting On – achievements through learning**
Funding has been secured for an intergenerational mural project at Budhmor Care Home. Young and old participants will discuss and agree the subject of the mural which will be designed using digital technology, traditional visual art techniques and will include texture for the visually impaired. Young people will gain Saltire Award hours for their efforts.
- **Getting Heard – confident voices, influencing decisions**
8 Misty Isle Youth Forum members were involved in Highland Council's pilot participatory budgeting event, "Your Island, Your Cash, Your Choice" in June where £15,000 was made available for the community to decide which projects should get up to £1500. Anyone over the age of 12 was eligible to vote and the 8 volunteers received Saltire Group Challenge Awards for their valuable assistance.
Edna Moran & Cailean Campbell (S4) have been elected new Highland Youth Parliament reps for Portree High School. Two Misty Isle Youth Forum reps will be elected to represent the community after the October holiday.
- **Getting Empowered – youth work: it's educational**
A new, free after-school girls' group will be starting on 28th October from 3.45-5.15pm at the SLCVO building in Portree. Open to S2-S4 girls, they will discuss and plan a programme to address issues which affect them and invite specialist professionals to deliver some sessions.

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Katherine Dibble receiving her award