

Youth Work in the Black Isle area

October 2015 – March 2016

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 Fortrose youth team worked with over 300 youngsters aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 1947 contacts

In total there were approx 3165 hours of engagement with young people

These were delivered on nearly 100 separate occasions.

And took place in Fortrose, the Cromarty area and trips away

A total of 103 recognised awards were gained

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

Fusion

Fusion is a diversionary programme which takes place in The Black Isle Leisure Centre or in Cromarty Youth Cafe. Young people have access to the whole leisure centre which includes fitness suite & Sport Hall. The programme each month is varied ensuring there is something for everyone; activities include football, art projects, baking, bubble ball football, dance and so much more!!

Mosaic

From October to December two Youth volunteers who attend Fortrose Academy worked with the Dementia Café in Avoch to create a Community mosaic. The finished piece of art is installed on the wall of the Post Office in Avoch for all to enjoy.

10 pupils from Fortrose Academy and Wanda received training provided by Alzheimer Scotland: they are now trained as Dementia Friends.

Lucky Dancing

We were fortunate to have Lucky who is from Gods Golden Acre Orphanage in Africa come and work with pupils from Fortrose Academy and Cromarty Youth Café. Lucky showed all of the young people how to Zulu Dance.

Quote from a youngster,

"It was amazing to have Lucky a Zulu from South Africa teach us how to dance".

Quote from a parent,

"Cookwell classes are a fantastic opportunity for youngsters to learn to be self-sufficient and be able to cook and eat healthy on a budget. How I wish I was young again".

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

Getting On – achievements through learning

Expansion of the Saltire Awards project: offering more young people the chance to volunteer. Ensure that all young people that are volunteering are signed up for Saltire Awards.

Getting Heard – confident voices, influencing decisions

Continue to support young people getting their voices heard at local level and Highland wide through Highland Youth Parliament, Ross & Cromarty Youth Forum, Cromarty Community Council and Pupil Voice for Fortrose Academy. Young people's involvement on these committees brings about changes in their own lives and the lives of others within their local school and the wider community.

Getting Involved – youth work: it's educational

Develop the strong partnership working in the Black Isle which recognises youth work as a valuable resource in the personal, social & educational development of both the younger and older members of its community.

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