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Youth Work in the Black Isle Area

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THE BIG HEADLINES



Youth Work is educational and it's fun

It's an empowering process where young people

- Learn new things about themselves and others
- Improve their confidence and self-belief
- Can express themselves without judgement
- Become more open and accepting of those who are different to them
- Are encouraged and supported to try and make differences to things that matter to all young people



Key numbers for the period

The Black Isle youth team has had 4073 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 5373 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 305 separate occasions.

And took place in Cromarty & Fortrose

144 awards have been gained which recognises the variety of achievements going on

STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT: POLICE SCOTLAND, HIGH-LIFE HIGHLAND AND FORTROSE ACADEMY - Young people SAFE online
Over the past 6 months DI Michael Miller and PC Sara Heath from Safer Communities within Police Scotland Scottish Crime Campus delivered Choices for Life talks to young people, Topics discussed were: Cybercrime, Sexting, Bullying, Trolling, and Stalking, What you post on online and how it can affect you later in life, they spoke about reputation, responsibility and safety and what it means.

DRUGS, DETECTION – KEEPING SAFE

PS Neill Maclean, PC Matty Watson and Whiskey the Police Dog delivered an assembly to 100 young people Matty & Neill explained that the dogs are used in a specialist detection role to search for drugs, explosives and firearms. Searching and tracking are the main tasks of police dogs. A single police officer is no match for a police dog as dogs are able to search more quickly and in very constricted places. Matty gave a very interesting and informative explanation on how they train the dogs using tennis balls! The 2 officers planted a bag of cannabis on Wanda and when they took the dog in to the Theatre, it walked along the staff and pupil line immediately stopping at Wanda, to indicate finding the cannabis.

REVAMPING SUBSTANCE MISUSE TOOLKIT

In Partnership with NHS and HLH Youth Development staff, a group of 7 young people attended a focus group to look at revamping the Substance Misuse Toolkit.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS TRAINING:

3 dementia Friends training sessions have been rolled out in the Black Isle a total of 30 young people and 30 older people have been trained to become dementia friends and be able to support older people with dementia. There are over 200 different types of dementia that can affect the brain at different rates and in different ways

Five things you need to know about dementia:

- Dementia is not a natural part of the ageing process.
- Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain.
- It is not just about losing your memory.
- It's possible to live well with it.

WHAT'S COMING UP

In the coming months local young people

Will represent their area at the summer Highland Youth Parliament conference which this year will be held at the UHI campus in Inverness.

Will be asked to engage with the Mid Ross Community Partnership. This is the group of senior representatives from Education (Care and Learning), Health, the Third Sector, Enterprise and the Emergency Services who are all committed to involving communities to help improve local services

Will take part in a Highland wide survey of youth work delivered by High Life Highland

Will be able to participate in summer holiday activities including FUSION events

Will continue to have opportunities to develop personal and social skills and be actively recognised for any achievements

Study Leave Programme offering various different opportunities for young people to take part in, Cookwell, Day a Week to The Print Studio, Getting to Know Your Techno , Work Experience

Transitional Activities supporting young people with the transition into the Academy by offering activities and visits to the school

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