



## Youth Work in the Glen Urquhart Area

October 2016 to March 2017

### THE BIG HEADLINES



Youth work educational and it's fun

It is an empowering process where young people

- Learn new things about themselves and others
- Improve their confidence and self-belief
- Can express themselves without judgement
- Encouraging young people to try new things
- Are more encouraged and supported to try and make differences to things that matter to all young people

Key number for the period

The Glen Urquhart youth work team has had over 705 meaningful contacts.

In total there were approximately 1307 hours of engagement with young people

These occurred on 91 occasions and were delivered in 2 main locations in Drumnadrochit and Cannich.

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

# THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

## Strathglass Youth Club

This is our longest running Youth club in the area. There is a lot of direct engagement from the parent committee which helps to co-ordinate the Senior youth club, along with the Junior club that they run themselves.

We have a variety of activities on offer here, to encompass many different tastes. We are encouraging our Seniors to volunteer with the junior youth club. We have recently welcomed our P7 transition group from Cannich Bridge Primary to Senior youth club. We are adopting a phased approach this year with the P7, initially coming for 1 hr then for the whole time after the Easter break. We will ask them for feedback as we go.

## Glen Urquhart Youth Club

We are still dealing with fluctuations in number but we can accredit some of this to young people taking part in other activities within the community. We are looking forward to inviting P7 along to youth club during the exams, although they already have access to youth clubs in Cannich or Fort Augustus if they wish to attend there.

## Glen Urquhart Youth Forum

Recently we have been successful in gaining £350 of funding towards our attendance at Highland Youth Parliament in Inverness, this is for the youth forum members within the whole of the Great Glen. We are continuing to promote healthier lifestyles whilst making young people aware of difficulties that others may be having. We are looking at the issues our current forum believe most relevant at this time, such as practical first aid, not just for emergency situations and transport. We cannot solve the transport issue but we can give our young people options to look at as groups.

## 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 Inverness Community Partnership. This is a 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 Highlife 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

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