



## Youth Work in Invergordon October – March 2017

What youth workers and young people have been up to?

### Youth Work and 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**

In the period between September and April 2017, Invergordon youth team worked with approx. 2748 youngsters aged between 11 and 21 amounting to about 1108 meaningful contacts

In total there were approx. 7331 hours of engagement with young people  
These were delivered on 138 separate occasions

These took place in Joss Street Hall, Invergordon Academy and various outdoor local community locations.

A total of 17 saltire awards were achieved.

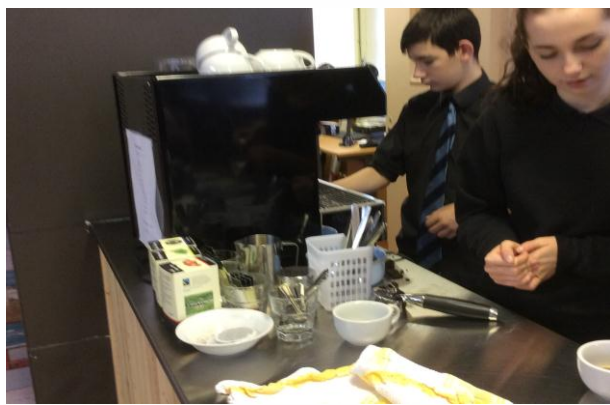
# THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

## Invergordon Youth Club

Youth club is held every Monday and Thursday night at Joss Street Hall between 7pm and 9pm. Each night sees up to 30 young people between the ages of 12 and 18 come through the door to play pool, listen to music, darts and hang out with friends. Each week we try to do different activities such as baking, photography with iPad, graffiti art in the workshop along with different arts and crafts.

## Café 101

After months of hard work Invergordon Academy celebrated the opening of the new community café during December. The creation café has enabled a range of young people to develop hospitality and catering skills. The Princes Trust Achieve award groups led by local youth work staff are in the process of completing the community element of their award focused around helping run café 101.



## Dementia Awareness

A group of young people from Invergordon Academy and the local youth club have completed the first stage of becoming dementia aware supported by Dementia Friends



Scotland. The group aim towards gaining recognition for Invergordon Academy and Joss Street Hall as Dementia friendly community venues. Working with Castle Gardens Nursing Home has enabled the young people to gain practical experience of supporting someone who suffer from Dementia or Alzheimer's.

### ➤ *Quote from a youngster*

"At first meeting new people was a bit scary but now I am ok with it"

### *Quote from a partner*

"It has been wonderful to have the group come into the nursing home and likewise with our outings to the school café"

### ➤ *Quote from a parent*

So proud of my girl doing this, we all should be doing more"

## HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

### ➤ *Getting On* – achievements through learning

Plans at an advanced stage to offer Invergordon Academy senior pupils a community based module incorporating a YAA, SQA and Saltire award package.

North Highland College have doubled the Joss Street Hall based PEP course utilising part of the main hall as classroom for PEP2 focusing on personal development and employability skills.

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

Local youth work staff established a mini youth forum pilot for P7 and S1 pupils within Invergordon youth club. The aim of the group is enable younger members to discuss week to week issues such as activities, personal safety and behaviour around the Hall and surrounding area.

### ➤ *Getting Involved* – youth work: it's fun

Continue to develop the strong partnerships with Invergordon Academy and the wider community to get youth work recognised as a valuable resource in the personal, social and educational development of young people. Quote form Head teacher

"Positive Ethos Obvious Pupil-centred Learning Environment"

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