

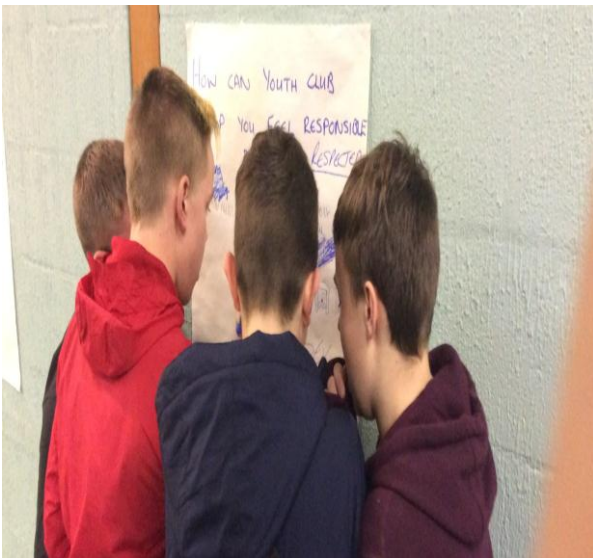


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Youth Work in the Inverness High School Area

October 2016 – March 2017

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 Inverness High School youth team has had 3947 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 5,403 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 205 separate occasions.

And took place in The Inverness High School Area which includes Merkinch, Dalneigh and the Bught.

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

STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

YOUTH ACTIVITY NIGHTS

The Dalneigh Youth Club has had a major overhaul after the result of a local area youth consultation. The majority of young people agreed that pockets of negative behaviour were causing some concerns. In order to challenge this we are offering Activity Nights with more focused pursuits such as Badminton Nights or more recently a Karaoke. Young people attending choose the following weeks activity by way of vote. We've had some fantastic sessions such as chocolate sculpting, baking and table tennis tournaments.

ROCK CHALLENGE

The rock challenge team never fails to surprise and this year the show is being run 'almost' entirely by the pupils themselves. Chloe has taken centre stage to choreograph and produce the entire performance, which will be used towards her Higher Dance Exam. Rebecca managed to fundraise close to £400 and together through a bingo night and a bake sale at the Active Schools Dance Platform Show (which many also took part in) together they raised over £550. The dedication and enthusiasm this year has been fantastic and they really do Inverness High School proud (Show-date April 3rd)

SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS

Our group of young carers have been getting together regularly to discuss the issues faced by young people as carers today. Support and advice is readily available as is the knowledge you are with people that understand. Through this group they are linked to the wider support organisations, Alex from Connecting Young Carers recently joined them to discuss what their organisation can do.

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
- Will take part in transition events specifically targeting New S1's all led by our Young Leaders,

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