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Youth Work in the Kingussie 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 Badenoch & Strathspey youth team has had 597 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 1,198 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 46 separate occasions.

And took place in The Hub, Kingussie High School and Aviemore Community Centre

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

STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

Projects

ZEST PROGRAMME

A partnership programme with the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS). This had four pupils involved two from Kingussie High School and two from Grantown Grammar School who worked hard to apply for jobs in different areas of the park and had to learn about the animals, their care and the operation of the park. They also had to create enrichment devices and deliver a presentation with a partner (from the opposite school) in Edinburgh on a chosen conservation issue (one winning the award for best presentation!).

All four successfully completed the course, this increased their confidence and they also learnt a great deal about employability, conservation and animal care.

AVIEMORE YOUTH GROUP

The group has continued to go from strength to strength in terms of attendance with regularly over 30 young people coming along, mostly from S1 and S2. The youth club is so well attended, space is tight in the building due to high numbers of young people. We now meet about once a month at the Aviemore Community Centre to offer the young people a bigger space to play games and offer other activities and opportunities.

Quotes

"I was worried about speaking in front of people but it wasn't so bad" – ZEST student

"It's great to get another Saltire award!" - Volunteer



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 Badenoch & Strathspey 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

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