



Youth Work in the Charleston 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 Charleston youth team has had 976 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 1585 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 160 separate occasions.

And took place in Charleston Academy, Charleston Community Complex and Kiltarlity Community Centre

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

STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

Cookwell - The cooking sessions will run in a relaxed, informal environment and the young people will learn to cook a variety of dishes that they can easily replicate at home.

The classes will recognise the importance of increasing self-esteem and social skills for the young people and after each cooking session those attending are encouraged to sit together and eat the meal they have prepared.

Participants will work on hygiene, health and safety, living and cooking on a budget and the importance of their own health and well-being and they will become empowered and resilient with coping strategies

Awards Group - 10 young people have worked very hard to successfully completed units in SVQ level 4 employability award. Five of these young people have secured places in courses at UHI .

A group of young people who are currently completing Bronze Youth Achievement awards planned and held a stall at the Community Complex Christmas Bizarre. They raised £150. They have taken part in a Red Cross essential first aid course are now planning a trip to the Scottish Parliament.

My Options Now group - We are working in partnership with Skills Development Scotland and the Children Service Worker to offer young people the opportunity to take part in a group which will develop skills and improve life and work chances. During study leave we are delivering a Go Lead programme offering accredited opportunities for those not taking part in study leave.

Gillain Clark SDS "the experience I have working in partnership the youth services team in school has shown that together we can offer a strong, unique and valuable service to young people whilst in school and beyond. The YDO's are consistently friendly and approachable as well as accommodating, caring and inspiring to work with"

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 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
- Will have the opportunity to take part in a Study Leave Programme we are offering in partnership with Skills Development Scotland including Cookwell, Go Lead courses, First Aid, CVs, Interviews, Opportunities help + lots more
- Young people from feeder primary schools will be offered the opportunity to take part in fun and educational activities to support them in their transition from P7 to S1 at Charleston Academy

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