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# Youth Work in the Culloden 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 Culloden youth team has had 986 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 1,686.7 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 163 separate occasions.

And took place in Culloden, Smithton & Ardersier

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

# STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

## Projects

### S3 Career Management Course

This 6 week course was delivered to selected S3 pupils from Culloden Academy, in partnership with Skills Development Scotland at Culloden Library. This interactive course looked at employability skills, and self-development. Those participating also completed a Saltire Challenge Award.

### Area Youth Conference

This year saw a change in biannual Highland wide youth Conferences. The Youth Parliament will now meet annually in the summer and have an area conference in winter. The first area conference was held at Culloden Library hosted by Culloden Youth Forum. Young people from the Inverness Area participated in activities and debates relation to relevant issues.

### Ardersier Arts Hub

With funding from Eden Court CREATIVE's Highland Youth Arts Hub young people in Ardersier have taken ownership of their project. With support from Culloden Youth Service they planned, delivered and evaluated their first project for young people in their Community. They will now plan their next project, possibly for the younger members of the community?

## Quotes

"The career management course was amazing. I enjoyed the challenges" – S3 pupil

"It's great to see young people taking control of their own projects and learning from the experience" – Project Worker

"My daughter has been given opportunities through youth work to develop skills that will stay with her for life." - Parent

## 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 continue the partnerships with Culloden Academy and the wider community to get youth work recognised as a valuable resource in the personal, social and educational development of young people.
- Will support young people into positive destinations

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