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# Youth Work in the Gairloch 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 Gairloch youth team has had 658 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 2420 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 30 separate occasions.

And took place in Gairloch High School, The Den Youth club and various out door locations within Gairloch

# STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

## The Den Youth Club

The Youth work team continue to support the Den Youth club with a member of the team supporting the valued volunteers from the community, Young people from Gairloch have had the opportunity to visit other youth clubs and take part in competitions.

## Gairloch Youth Forum

Over 60 young people from Gairloch High school took part in a consultation and were empowered to have their views and opinions heard, this was also a fantastic opportunity for a visit from the current Youth Convener

## Young People in need

The Youth work team have met with two new groups of young people who are now in the process of creating and developing their own learning opportunities and who will be participating in various youth achievement award frameworks

## Quote from a Partner

The Youth service continue to work in partnership with other agencies in supporting the most vulnerable young people in our community

## Quote from a young person

I am looking forward to working with the Youth Development officer and his team and I am excited about the new things I will be doing with them

## 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 Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross 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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