



Youth Work in the Millburn area

April – September 2016

THE BIG HEADLINES



Youth work is an **educational** practice

It is an **empowering** process which is about

- Building self-esteem and self-confidence
- Developing the ability to manage personal and social relationships
- Creating opportunities for learning
- Building the capacity of young people to consider risk, make reasoned decisions and take control
- Having a targeted approach within a range of services for everyone
- Having FUN



Key numbers for the period

The Millburn youth team has had 1942 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 3788 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 152 separate occasions.

And took place in Millburn Academy, Raigmore Community Centre and the Spectrum Centre, the One Stop Shop and other activity venues throughout the city.

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

THE STORIES: THE DIFFERENCES: THE FUTURE

Projects Young people having a say

One of the Highlights of Millburn Youth work was the commitment of the young people to get involved in having a say in decisions that affect them. In this reporting period a number of young people have represented Millburn by attending the Highland Youth Parliament local conference held at the Culloden Library. Regular attendance at the Millburn and Inverness Youth Forum's has led to increased participation, opportunities, new experiences and also the election of Craig MacAulay as MSYP for Nairn and Inverness.

Volunteering and Leadership

A number of young people are active in volunteering and leadership awards. Opportunities to volunteer and gain awards are available in a variety of activities in the Millburn area such as the Raigmore Youth Club, The Football initiative The Army Cadets and at the One Stop Shop's Hub a social inclusion project for young people on the Autistic Spectrum.

The Spectrum Youth Drop In

The Spectrum youth Drop in runs on a Wednesday evening and open to all young people in the city, activities include arts and crafts, board games, and trips to Roller bowl and Eden Court. Recently the group have been involved in discussion around understanding equality and diversity, LGBTI and contributing to local consultation on educational resources, This also included learning about and understanding the effects of bullying behaviour and how to report it. Over the next six months the group will be looking at other social issues and will also be working towards achieving a Dynamic Youth Awards.

Quotes

"Gaining the Professional Development Award in Youth Work really helped with my UCAS application. I spoke about it in my Uni interviews and I think it really helped with me being offered a place." Young person (18) Millburn Academy/University of Strathclyde.



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

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