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Youth Work in the Plockton 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 Plockton youth team has had 655 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 2397 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 59 separate occasions.

And took place in Plockton High school, Lochalsh Youth Club, Auchtertyre Learning centre, Lochalsh Leisure Centre, Inverness and many different Outdoor locations within Lochalsh.

8 John Muir Awards have been gained which recognises the variety of achievements going on

STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

Lochalsh Youth Club

The youth service team have continued to support the Lochalsh youth club in its day to day running as well as supporting trips to Inverness, Neathy Bridge, And running Fusion events along with the club and inviting other youth organisations to events from Portree, Broadford, and Gairloch

Supporting Young people in Need

The youth service team continue to work in partnership with Plockton high school identifying young people requiring additional learning opportunities which complement the school curriculum, Young people take part in a number of Youth achievement awards thus helping to close the attainment gap.

Plockton Youth Forum

The forum currently has 14 members two of which sit on the Highland Youth Parliament Executive committee and one of which is now the Chair, The forum engages in debates which affect young people living within the Lochalsh area and look at ways to empower young people

Quote from a young person

After taking part in the DofE I can now focus and control my behaviour much better

Quote from a partner

Without the support of the youth service we would not be able to offer our members so many new and exciting opportunity's

Quote from a parent

I am so proud of my Daughter having completed the John Muir Award with the youth team

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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