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Youth Work in the Tain area

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THE BIG HEADLINES



Tain youngsters at Murrayfield

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



Award recipients

Key numbers for the period

The Tain youth team has had 1053 meaningful contacts with young people.

In total there were 2515 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 177 separate occasions.

These mainly took place in the Seaboard villages, Tain Royal Academy and Evanton.

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

STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

Projects;

Balintore Youth Club now runs a junior and Senior club. Juniors are on Wednesdays at 7 and the seniors are Tuesdays at the community Pavilion (Old Scout Hut) A huge range in ages meant that the needs are very different so, in consultation with some of the young people it was agreed to trial separate nights for a while. Early days but some good ideas for projects and activities are being developed. We are very grateful to the Ward Councillors, who granted us £5000.00 from the discretionary budget to continue with the important work that is carried out there.

The project at Evanton has a new group of young people from the Academy attending with the YDO and Pupil Support Assistants from TRA every Tuesday. Some of the previous group are helping to deliver the programme to their peers and six of the former group have received a John Muir trust award.

The Youth Forum members have been involved in various projects recently. These include inputting their opinions with "safe routes to school" group, who are developing a travel plan for Tain, especially with the new planned 3-18 campus in mind. They have also completed a survey of traffic to the school. As part of an area (Ross and Cromarty) forum, some of the group have helped with producing a young person's Mental Health promotion toolkit and this should be complete by the HYP conference in June.

40 youngsters attended the international rugby match between Scotland and Australia in November. This was organised by Tain youth services and staff from TRA assisted on the day, long but enjoyable day!

Quotes;

"The input from the young people to the group (Safer routes to school) has been excellent, well done to them."



JMT Awards

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 Easter 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
- The youth team will partner with Tain Royal Academy to allow a group from the school to camp for a week on the Isle of Skye in May.
- The team will also continue to promote and develop the Youth Forum with some new projects.

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