Youth Work in the PORTREE area

October 2016 – March 2017

THE BIG HEADLINES

HYP local conference Dec16

Intergenerational mural project

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 Portree youth team has had 1274 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 3516 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 86 separate occasions.

And took place in 8 locations

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

STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

PROJECTS

Highland Youth Parliament local winter conference
In December 2016, Plockton & Misty Isle youth fora came together in Broadford Village Hall for a one-day conference of workshops and team-building. Rory Mair, Chair of The Commission on Highland Democracy came to consult on how local Councillors could find out about young people's views. Services – education, health & transport were regarded as being most important in S&L; Priority issues - bullying & health & well-being were top two - and Area planning were debated and each forum developed an action plan based on agreed issues.

Intergenerational Mural Project
Young people participated in an intergenerational project with Budhmor Residential Care Home residents in Portree to produce a mural for the tea-room.
A visit to the High Life Highland Archive Centre in Portree produced lots of discussion and material for the mural which depicts "Skye Scenes" and includes views and traditional activities recognisable by all age groups.
Funding was obtained from Highland Youth Arts Hub and local artist, Jeremy Rossiter, facilitated the art work.
The project helped participants develop new skills and reduced barriers between youth and the elderly.

Quotes:
"When you say something, everyone listens."
"I feel I know more about HYP and youth forums now."
(*from local HYP/forum conference*)
"It really feels like we might actually be able to make a difference."
(from youth forum member about the anti-bullying campaign)
"I really enjoyed it and it was good to do something worthwhile" (*Saltire Award recipient re volunteering at community café in aid of S&L foodbank*)

Portree P7 teen facility consultation

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 & W. 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
- Will conduct a survey on behalf of Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association to provide evidence of need for partners to work towards provision of an outdoor recreational facility suitable for young people and young adults in Portree
- Misty Isle Youth Forum will lead a campaign for all young people in Highland to be enabled to contribute to a review of The Highland Council's Positive Relationships and Bullying Prevention Policy

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