



Youth Work in the Mallaig 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 Mallaig youth team has had 1200 meaningful contacts with young people. In total there were 4300 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on over 85 separate occasions.

And took place in Mallaig high school, Mallaig youth space, Mallaig Pool and various other locations

9 young people that took part in the young enterprise Scotland program gained awards at the regional finals in Inverness.

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Projects

Thursday night Fusion events

Thursday nights from 6-9pm in Mallaig sees young people travelling from all over the associated school group area to take part in activities provided at the Fusion youth club; Almost anything can happen on the Thursday night with young people being involved in anything from table games to helping Fire-Fighting trainees improve their fitness levels, youth consultation is always big on the agenda and young people in the 15+ age range have the opportunity to have time to discuss the "Big Issues" effecting them in the last hour of the evening.

Summer in Mallaig

Football plays a big part in the lives of young people in Mallaig and 2 events stand out this Summer, Broonies testimonial match took place for the second year running which raised over £2,000 for the charity BRAKE, the 2nd event was the opportunity for Young People who support different football clubs across Scotland to visit Ibrox for the 1st game of the season where Rangers played Dunfermline. These are 2 events where Young people have asked their YDO to help facilitate.

Coastguard exercise

At the last minute Mallaig Youth Development was asked to step in to help facilitate an exercise involving all the emergency services plus the local Armadale-Mallaig Ferry. The YDO was asked as he knew all of the Young People taking part both from the High school and the UHI. As well as the emergency services this allowed other community response teams such as the Red Cross and the UHI to put in place their plans to emergency situations. This exercise also allowed several Young People from Island communities to see how a response would take place should an accident happen when they are on-board a local ferry. A successful day was had with 19 Young people acting as injured members of the public allowing remote communities to put valuable rescue plans into place in a live time scenario.

WHAT'S COMING UP

In the coming months local young people

- Will continue to have opportunities to develop personal and social skills and be actively recognised for any achievements
- Have access to an open night Fusion Youth club Activity where young people can meet and in a safe welcoming environment for all age groups.
- Develop a new Young enterprise (YE) group giving them valuable skills in running their own business through the YE Scotland network.
- Continue the strong partnerships with Mallaig High school and the wider community that promotes youth work as a valuable resource in the personal, social and educational development of young people
- Will have access to an after school Study club for anyone as part of the "closing the attainment gap" strategy
- Will influence the training needs of sessional staff who will provide activities that are suitable to all young people in the Mallaig area.

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