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Youth Work in the Dingwall area

April 2018 – October 2018

Celebrating Achievement and Valuing Young Voices

year of young people
bliadhna na h-òigridh
2018

2018 has been a Year of Young People during which the ideas and talents of children and young people aged 8 to 26 have continued to be promoted and celebrated.

There are six themes, all of which have featured in some shape or form. Young Highlanders, with their supporting adults and partners, have been focusing on two of these namely

Equality & Discrimination and Participation

During this period, the local youth team has worked with over 400 individual young people aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 2062 meaningful contacts

In total there were approx. 4788 hours of engagement with young people

And these took place on 138 separate occasions at the following locations: Dingwall, Muir of Ord and Conon Bridge

A total of 48 recognised awards were gained

STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

What's been happening – Employability

A number of young people, who require support getting into employment, are offered an Activity Agreement. This agreement allows young people to gain the necessary skills for employability. Sessions are now available at the Dingwall Town hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Over the last year we have supported young people to gain SQA awards in Maths, English and Employability. This has allowed some Young people to secure further learning opportunities through main stream college courses or employment.

What's been happening – Summer Transition

This summer saw the return of the P7 Transition event; this is a week long programme which had approx. 85 new S1 pupils in attendance. The new first year pupils took part in different physical and creative activities during the Transition week, this allowed them to make new friends and familiarise themselves with the school building. The Transition event could not have run without help and support from the HLH Young Leaders. Approx. 15 Young people supported this event. All of the Young Leaders completed a Leadership course, Child protection awareness and autism awareness training to prepare them for volunteering at the Transition event.

Quotes

"The leaders were really healpful, I'm glad I came along. I didn't want to but mum made me. Im glad she did. "

"I met new friends"

What's planned – Family Fusion

The Dingwall Youth Forum has been successful with a recent application through the Community Partnership. The young locals wish to create an event that brings the community together which is accessible and open to all. Where the young and old can play and learn together. They plan to hold this event in Dingwall Academy on the 11th of November The event is to celebrate the year of young people and will be funded through the YOYP funding. .

What's planned – Area Youth Conference

The Mid Ross area Youth Conference will be held on Monday the26th of November in Victoria Halls in Cromarty. This event will allow the young people and partners from across the Mid Ross Community partnership area come together to reflect on the past 6 months activity, celebrate achievements of progress made and plan future activity.

What's planned – Safe Highlanders

The Safe Highlanders event will commence on the 3rd of November in the Dingwall leisure centre. The event will run for 3days, providing over 600 young people from across the Highlands with community safety awareness sessions. Youth services will be providing information on internet safety and social media awareness. Young leaders will also attend supporting the delivery of the day's activities.

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