



Youth Work in the WICK area

November 2018

THE BIG HEADLINES



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

There are six themes, all of which have featured in our work in some shape or form.

Young Highlanders, with their supporting adults and partners, agreed to focus on two of these namely Equality & Discrimination and Participation

Key numbers for the period April – November 2018

The Wick youth team has had 1,799 meaningful contacts with young people

In total there were 6,416 hours of engagement

All this was delivered on 236 separate occasions.

And took place in school, organised events, and at High Life Highland Facilities

27 High Life Highland Leadership Awards have been earned which recognises the commitment of our local young people.

STORIES: DIFFERENCES: and THE FUTURE

Projects

The last few months have been extremely busy for the Wick Youth Work Team. 320 P7 pupils from across the north attended the annual Caithness & North Sutherland Safe Highlanders event at Wick Assembly Rooms, with eight safety sets delivering important safety messages.

A small group of young people approaching school leaving age worked towards an Asdan Peer Mentoring Award, as they learned about setting out on their own in a Youth Independence Programme, which was run in partnership with The Highland Council's Tenant Participation Officer.

We have provided NHS with links to engage with young people as part of the NHS Highland Caithness Redesign Consultation. This included a stall at the UHI Freshers Week Event, our local Youth Parliament Conference, and a Year of Young People event at Skinandi's Nightclub, where young people participated in a "Question Time" activity involving a panel of local adults and young people.

Quotes

"I really enjoyed Safe Highlanders – I'm still shaking from the Road Safety set, where I think I killed "Gary" the dummy!" – P7 Pupil

"Thank you for all your efforts in organising the events for us to engage with young people; it's not an easy task but very valuable." - NHS Highland

"I really enjoyed the Year of Young People event – can we do it again?!" – S1 Pupil



WHAT'S COMING UP

In the coming months local young people

- Will have the opportunity to influence the way that the Young Scot National Entitlement Card will function and benefit them, especially making it more relevant to their local area.
- Will engage with the local Community Planning Partnership to improve their local communities in terms of drug use, and community safety.
- Will work with school management teams to improve attitudes towards LGBTI pupils, and in particular reduce bullying in S1 – S3.
- Will undertake training as they progress through award schemes such as HLH Leadership Awards at Levels Purple and above, and Community Achievement Awards.
- Will have the opportunity to participate in more HLH "Fusion" events run as a partnership between our local Youth, Libraries and Facilities Teams.

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