



Youth Work in the Dornoch area

October 2018 to March 2019

Celebrating Achievement and Valuing Young Voices

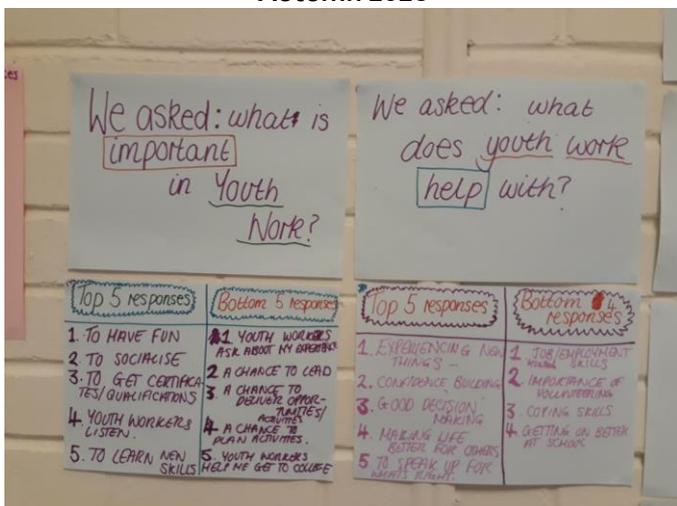


Reece Macleod Employability Student

Highland wide survey of Young People
Autumn 2018



MSYP for Caithness Sutherland and Easter Ross
Poppy Watson, member of Dornoch and Sutherland Youth Forum and Dornoch Academy representative on Highland Youth Parliament



During this period, the local youth team has worked with over 136 individual young people aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 1551 meaningful contacts

In total there were approx 2628 hours of engagement with young people

And these took place on 160 separate occasions at the following locations

Dornoch, Bonar Bridge and various trips throughout the Highlands.

A total of 15 recognised awards were gained

Some of what's been happening and what's planned

What's been happening locally - Employability and Enterprise Award

Since last June Dornoch Youth Work, with the support of Sutherland Community Planning Partnership, have provided young people with a programme of visiting partners and employers to show young people the employment opportunities available in their own area. Every week the visitors from High Life Highland, NHS, Highland Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Police Scotland, to name but a few, have spent 2 hours doing practical activities with the young people and talking about their experiences and qualifications to obtain their current role. The young people have really enjoyed these sessions because it gives them real insight into different professions. Eleven young people started the course and during that time 6 have left to go in to full time employment or college courses. The 5 who completed the course have all achieved an SQA award in Enterprise and Employability and all have successfully secured full time employment, apprenticeship or been accepted for college courses.

Quotes

"I really enjoyed the police dogs and I would like to join the police."

"I got help to fill in my application forms for Newmarket"

What's been happening locally – Fire Services Course

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to provide an 8 week course to our young people. They have learned about health and safety and have completed drills using hoses. They have been provided with full fire kit and will be expected to complete the course in exactly the same way as firemen do with all the discipline that involves. Once they have completed the course they will have a passing out parade, performing drills to show parents and partners.



A vision for high quality youth work across Highland

The current Youth Work policy has been in place since 2007, and has stood the test of time.

However, stakeholders including young people, statutory and third sectors have agreed there needs to be a refreshed strategy to reaffirm core youth work principles and reflect emerging and changing needs of young Highlanders.

Since autumn 2018 much activity has occurred to contribute towards this new youth work strategy – surveys, focus groups, stakeholder engagement and conversations.

Watch out for a new youth work strategy for 2019 onwards, which will describe how the following will be achieved:

- ✓ *clear ways for young people to become involved in youth work activity*
- ✓ *young people have a voice in youth work and an influence in decisions and services which affect them*
- ✓ *support for young people to progress from youth work into other positive destinations such as employment or further education.*

Some useful information

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