



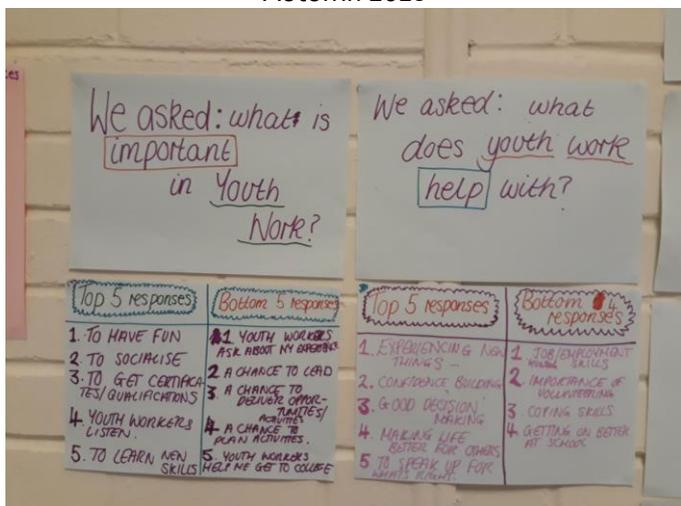
Youth Work in the Kingussie area

October 2018 to March 2019

Celebrating Achievement and Valuing Young Voices



Highland wide survey of Young People
Autumn 2018



During this period, the local youth team has worked with around 80 individual young people aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 1,442 meaningful contacts

In total there were approx 2,337 hours of engagement with young people

And these took place on 71 separate occasions at the following locations- The Hub, The Badenoch Centre, Kingussie High School and Aviemore Community Centre

A total of 5 recognised awards were gained

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

What's been happening locally - Defibrillator Training for Young People

Emergency first aid and defibrillator training took place with a group of young people who were keen to develop their skills. 'Lucky 2B Here' volunteers engaged with the young people to help them learn about essential skills such as the recovery position, CPR and how to use the public defibrillator units which are located around Badenoch & Strathspey.

The young people took part in the training whole heartedly and showed by the end that they were more than capable of demonstrating the new skills they'd learnt through the training.

What's been happening locally – Area Youth Forum Conference

Youth forum members from Kingussie, Grantown and Nairn met up in December at the Nairn Community Centre for their annual Area Youth Conference. They discussed issues that they felt were important to young people in their areas including mental health, sexual health and transport.

The conference included fun team building activities, and also discussions and debates. In addition there was a very informative and discussion provoking session from James Cook around LGBTQ issues and equality.

Quotes

'He spoke to us like we aren't babies. It would be better if he was here longer.' – S1 pupil regarding the online awareness sessions.

'Sad to be leaving youth forum but it's been good fun!' - Kingussie Youth Forum Member.



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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