



# Youth Work in the Ullapool area

October 2018 to March 2019

## Celebrating Achievement and Valuing Young Voices



Highland wide survey of Young People  
Autumn 2018



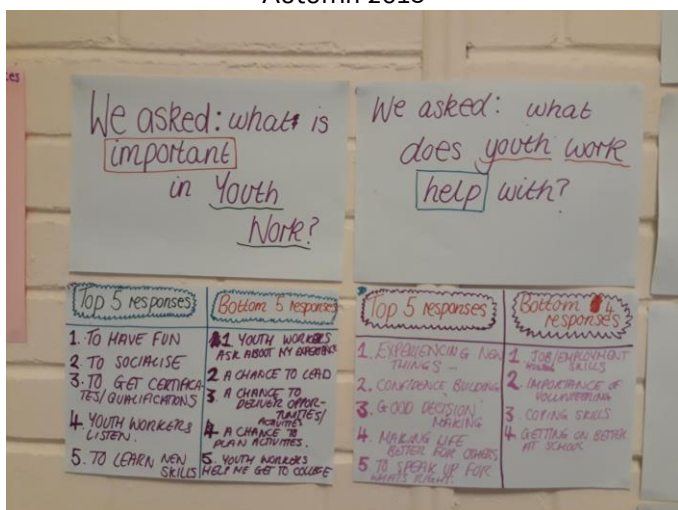
During this period, the local youth team has worked with over 65 individual young people aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 1278 meaningful contacts

In total there were approx. 8,585 hours of engagement with young people

And these took place on 121 separate occasions at the following locations

Ullapool & Lochinver

A total of 14 recognised awards were gained



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

## What's been happening locally - Youth Forums

The area Highland Youth Parliament meetings were held in the Community Planning Partnership Areas of Skye, Lochalsh & Wester Ross which met in Lochcarron in November. The Ullapool High School Assynt group of young people are members of the Sutherland Community Planning Partnership who met in Lairg on the same day. The pictures on the front page are our representatives at each HYP area day. The group at Lochcarron gave a presentation on the delivery of youth work in this area and about the local youth forum. The regular youth forum (High School area wide) meets every Thursday and the main focus is on mental well-being. Our youth representatives have taken on the planning of the summer activities for 2019.

## Awards gained in this period -

6 young people completed a Go Lead Award and 8 more received Saltire Awards for 50 & 100 hours

## What's been happening locally - Fusion

Fusion is now a regular Friday afternoon activity session. It is not only a place to relax and enjoy activities, it's become a safe space for young people who attend other activities for a short time on a Friday afternoon but then have to wait outside for the late bus home to Lochinver and Achiltibuie. This provides them with a place to come and hang out until their bus comes. The sessions include a snack followed by activities led by the local Active Schools Coordinator. This takes place on the astro turf or in the theatre followed by games and crafts in the Macphail centre. The High School Parent Council gave the group money to buy more equipment for Fusion which we are very grateful for and all the new equipment was chosen by the young people.

The pictures below are from the trip to Belgium for WW1 project and some of the Go Lead Young People.



## 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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