



Youth Work in the Culloden area

April to December 2019

Young People Involved, Being Heard and Achieving



Pàrlamaid Òigridh na Gàidhealtachd – The Highland Youth Parliament Conference - took place on 24-25 June 2019 in the UHI Inverness Campus. HYP includes young people from all 29 Highland Secondary Schools and Local Youth Forums. The HYP conference is a young person-led event at which approx. 80 young people from across the Highlands met with Service Directors, Lead Officers and Elected Members from The Highland Council, High Life Highland and partner agencies, in order to influence decision making that impacts Highland's young people.

Sessions

The event was themed around young people's 'Right to Freedom of Expression' with sessions of importance to young people in Highland including peer support for young people's mental health, climate change, an Education Q&A with The Highland Council's Head of Education, Highland Children and Young People Forum's



Inspire Group, the 'Grow2gether' teenage pregnancy project, the new Highland Youth Work Strategy (co-produced with young people), NHS Highland, Waverley Care and HLH C-Card scheme update and local workshops.

Delegates from Argyll and Bute and Western Isles Councils also attended in order to learn more about HYP and the role of the Highland Youth Convener. The Northern Alliance (NA) Youth Conference, involving 70 young people from across all 8 local authorities which make up the NA took place alongside the Highland Youth Parliament conference.

Issues

Issues highlighted by young people were Climate Change, Mental Health, Additional Support Needs, Youth Services Promotion in Schools, School subjects, languages, PSE improvements, LGBTI, Rurality and Cuts. View the event report at: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/youth/highland-youth-parliament/>

A couple of stories and some headline stats

Culloden Youth Development Officer Retires

After 12 years of dedication to the youth service in Highlands Lita Leslie decided to retire. Lita was committed to ensuring that young people's rights were upheld, and their voices heard. Lita successfully encouraged, empowered and facilitated the wider achievement of over 500 young people from the Culloden Academy area, working with some of the most disadvantaged and disengaged young people. Young people had the opportunity to achieved Saltire Awards, Dynamic Youth Awards, Youth Achievement Awards, ASDAN awards and the Duke of Edinburgh awards. Lita was awarded "The most valuable community partner award" from Culloden Academy, who were sorry to see her go.

Area Youth Conference

This year's area youth conference was held in the Cameron Youth Centre on Friday the 24th of November 2019. 12 Young people from the Culloden area attended the conference sharing their ideas and concerns around the issue of bullying in the Highlands. The group wish to raise awareness by creating a short video highlighting the impact bullying has on young people's health and wellbeing. The young people will collect the voices from across the Highlands and work with Eden Court to develop their ideas from paper onto the big screen.

Quotes

"I have got a lot of valuable information which I will take back to the Change Team" - Tania Mackie (Ben Wyvis Head teacher)



At the HYP conference in June

2 young people from this area took part

At the Area winter conference in Nov

12 young people from this area took part

During the period, across this area there were

1,443 meaningful contacts

2,990 hours of learning and youth work activity

90 Programmed Activities

15 Awards gained by young people

Some useful information

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