



# Youth Work in the Glen Urquhart 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

## Our New MSYP for Inverness and Nairn

David Seatter was elected to the position of MSYP.

David has been involved in Youth Forum for the last 4 and a half years and during this time he has attended Highland Youth Parliament (HYP), become an Exec member for the HYP committee and helped to organise the Local Area Conferences.

He has been an active community volunteer throughout this time and currently has over 50 hours through the leadership programme and over 100 Saltire volunteering hours with more to be claimed.

He is working towards a Youth Achievement Award for his community work as he believes in giving the young people in rural communities a voice so they can highlight the issues faced in areas where the geography is large, but the population is sparse. Our area may seem affluent, but there is hidden poverty which also needs to be addressed.

## Youth Club

Over recent years the youth club in Drumnadrochit has experienced lowish numbers but it is flourishing just now as we welcome new members every week.

The young people are currently looking towards new projects such as the film we made in collaboration with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) last year.

Taking part in such projects provides our young people with opportunities to make connections with our wider community, building on their confidence and widening their horizons and enhancing their experiences.

## Quotes

"I really enjoyed making the film, being able to write the script ourselves and show another side of our personalities was so much fun." Young person

At the HYP conference in June

2 young people from this area took part

At the Area winter conference in November 2019

4 young people from this area took part

During the period, across this area there were

1060 meaningful contacts

2548 hours of learning and youth work activity

165 Programmed Activities

4 Awards gained by young people

## Some useful information

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