



Youth Work in the Plockton 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

Story #1

16 young people are currently working towards there John Muir awards and DofE awards, helping them to become more confident learners, experiencing new and exciting opportunities which enhances their learning.

Story #2

The youth work team in Plockton supports local partners in the community to deliver three evenings of youth provision a week. Young people can come together and become more confident in managing their personal and social relationships as well as developing new skills. Young people like cooking, art, and improving their health and wellbeing whilst having fun

Quotes

“The Partnership we have with the Youth work team enhances the learning outcomes for our students here” Plockton High School -

At the HYP conference in June

3 young people from this area took part

At the Area winter conference in November

6 young people from this area took part

During the period, across this area there were

1448 meaningful contacts

4444 hours of learning and youth work activity

153 Programmed Activities

6 Awards gained by young people

Some useful information

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