



Youth Work in the Millburn area

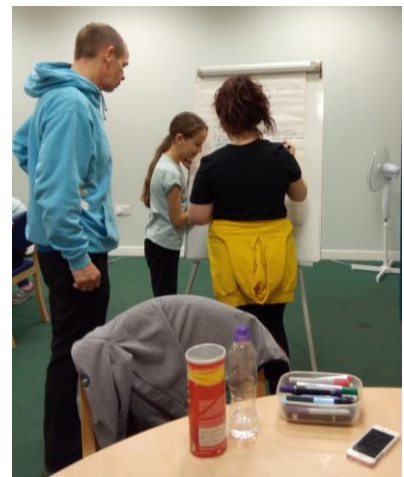
October 2018 to March 2019

Celebrating Achievement and Valuing Young Voices

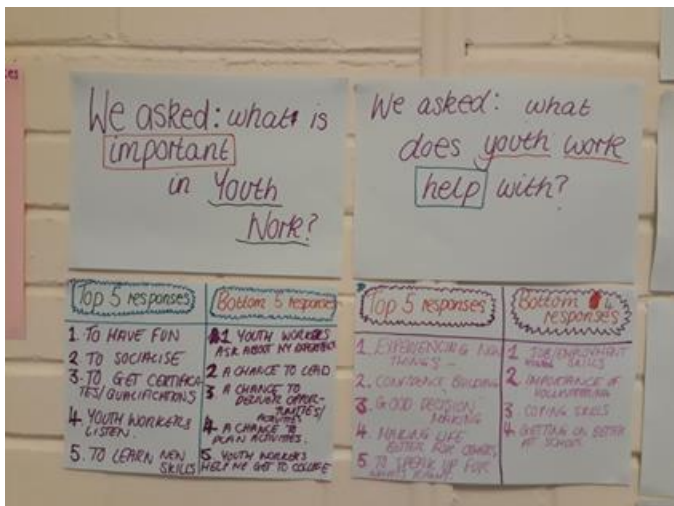
Inverness Wildlife Watch examining their catch



Consultation on the youth work strategy



Highland wide survey of Young People
Autumn 2018



During this period, the local youth team has worked with well over 100 individual young people aged between 11 and 21 amounting to 1018 meaningful contacts

In total there were approx. 2647 hours of engagement with young people

And these took place on 141 separate occasions at the following locations

Millburn Academy, Raigmore Community Centre, the Spectrum Centre, the One Stop Shop in Friars Street Inverness.

A total of 11 recognised awards were gained

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

What's been happening locally – The Hub Youth Group

The Hub Youth Group for young people who are on the Autistic Spectrum has been undergoing significant pressure in relation to securing premises to work from and also the threat of possible budget cuts.

High Life Highland have maintained support to this group through the Millburn YDO by recruiting and supporting volunteers to assist the young people socialise and take part in new experiences. The group has been well attended with the young people participating in a variety of activities including a Harry Potter theme night and pumpkins carving at Halloween.

“You get advice and learn about health and well-being”

What's been happening locally - Inverness Wildlife Watch Club.

Having just celebrated its first anniversary in February, The Wild Watch club has maintained its original members and recruited some others along the way. Presently running the last Monday of the month from Millburn Academy's library we have participated in some really interesting projects.

We have built bat boxes, listened out for owls on a cold winter's night, hunted mini beasts and looked out for tracks and signs of various types of insects, birds or animals. We work in partnership with the Millburn Academy and the Scottish Wildlife Trust, who visited in April and we got a glowing report on our activities, our programme, our planning and procedures.

Quotes

“We get to take part in lots of new experiences that we would not normally have had before”

Pumpkin carving at the Hub



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.*

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Identifying tracks and signs – Inverness wildlife watch

