



Youth Work in the Millburn 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

Fusion

Fusion at Raigmore Community Centre has been a success in the local and wider community since it changed its hours of operation from 5 till 6:30 pm on Tuesday evenings. Young people from P4 to S5 attend regularly. Those who are S4+ are volunteers working towards their Saltire Awards and Leadership hoodies. A variety of activities have been introduced e.g. table tennis, unihoc, dodgeball and loads more active activities, there is also healthy food on offer. We completed one winter trip to the panto which was a roaring success and now we are looking to the Easter and summer programme to get out and about and do more interesting activities.

S1 Transition Millburn Academy

During the summer the Millburn Youth Development officer worked closely with the Children's Service Workers with the S1 transition activities. These included archery, baking, problem solving and much more. We also went on a trip to the Highland Heritage Folk Museum in Newtonmore. This led to being invited back to assist working on the resilient kid's project, helping boost confidence and self-esteem and exploring challenging issues such as bullying and inclusion. Next up the Easter programme.

Quotes

"To youth club, thank you for making us kids entertained".
Love P XX

"The young people are really enjoying Fusion and look forward to it each week". Parent



Problem solving and team work at Millburn Academy
July 2019

At the HYP conference in June

3 young people from this area took part

At the Area winter conference in November

4 young people from this area took part

During the period, across this area there were

2228 meaningful contacts

6389 hours of learning and youth work activity

226 Programmed Activities

24 Awards gained by young people

Some useful information

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