

Youth Work Services in Dumfries and Galloway

UNIVERSAL PROVISION WITH TARGETED WORK AIMED AT THE MOST VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS OUR REGION IN RESPONSE TO LOCALLY IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

The Nature and Purpose of Youth Work (National Youth Work Strategy)

THE PURPOSE OF YOUTH WORK IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Build self-esteem and self confidence
- Develop the ability to manage personal and social relationships
- Create learning and develop new skills
- Encourage positive group atmospheres
- Build the capacity of young people to consider risk, make reasoned decisions and take control
- Develop a 'world view' which widens horizons and invites social commitment

IT HAS THREE ESSENTIAL AND DEFINITIVE FEATURES:

- Young people choose to take part
- The work must build from where young people are
- Youth Work recognises the young person and youth worker as partners in the learning process

Key Work Areas

- 1 Community Based Youth Work Opportunities:**
Delivery of local youth work groups, projects, and opportunities in evenings and weekends with our most vulnerable and marginalised young people and support to young people's health and wellbeing.
- 2 Youth Work in Schools:**
Delivery of accredited Qualifications and Youth Awards in schools and low- level mental health support through Youth Information Workers.
- 3 Youth Participation and Volunteering:**
Opportunities for young people to become involved in decision making through projects inc. Regional Youth Council, Champions Board and Young Volunteers.
- 4 Wider Achievement:**
Creating opportunities for young people to achieve accredited Youth Awards inc. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Youth Achievement, John Muir Awards.
- 5 Collaboration With Third Sector Youth Work:**
Training, advice and support to Third Sector partners and practitioner forums.

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