

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

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

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Key Work Areas

1 Community Based Youth Work:

Delivery of universal and targeted youth work groups, projects, excursions and opportunities for young people in the evenings, at weekends and throughout holiday periods in local communities. This includes mobile, street-based (detached) and digital youth work opportunities for young people and youth events including Youth Beatz and Fringe Festival.

2 Youth Work in Schools:

Delivery of the Youth Information in Schools Project (Low Level Mental Health Support) and delivery of accredited programmes and Youth Awards in collaboration with schools during the school day.

3 Youth Participation and Volunteering:

Delivery of opportunities for young people to get involved in decision making through projects including Dumfries and Galloway Youth Council inc. Scottish Youth Parliament, Champions Board, Young Women's Network and Chameleons (LGBT forum). This work area includes the delivery of the Young Leader and peer education programmes.

4 Wider Achievement:

Creating opportunities for young people to achieve accredited and non-accredited Youth Awards including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Youth Achievement Awards, Dynamic Youth and Hi5 Awards, John Muir Awards etc. within community settings. This work area includes recognition and celebration of young people's achievements through annual celebration of achievement and award ceremonies.

5 Collaboration with the Youth Work Sector:

Training, advice and support to voluntary and third sector Youth Work partners and locality Youth Work partnership forums.