



Youth Work Outcomes – Case Study

East Ayrshire Council, Vibrant Communities:

Using the Youth Work Outcomes in East Ayrshire's Annual Youth Conference

About Vibrant Communities

East Ayrshire Council's Vibrant Communities Service has been up and running since April 2013. Vibrant Communities works "with and for" local communities rather than "doing to" them. The aim is to balance the relationship between those who design and deliver services and the people who ultimately use them. The main services provided by Vibrant Communities include:

- ❖ Events
- ❖ Funding Advice
- ❖ Youth Empowerment
- ❖ Health and Wellbeing
- ❖ Literacies and Learning
- ❖ Play and Parental Bonding
- ❖ Sport and Physical Activity
- ❖ Community Empowerment
- ❖ Befriending and Volunteering

What did you use the Youth Work Outcomes for?

- ❖ Self-evaluation
- ❖ Communicating youth work
- ❖ As a tool to describe how young people participated and how this linked to the Experiences and Outcomes of Curriculum for Excellence

Background

Vibrant Communities worked in partnership with Education within East Ayrshire Council to deliver our Annual Youth Conferences. Schools were issued with a Teacher Information Booklet which gave information about



the conference, outcomes for young people and other organisations and resources that would enhance the learning before or after the conference. We used a mixture of Curriculum for Excellence Health and Wellbeing Outcomes as well as several of the Youth Work Outcomes.

We structured the conference and evaluation around these outcomes and this was reflected within our Annual Youth Conference Report issued across the authority.

Describe your experience of using the Youth Work Outcomes

The Youth Work Outcomes are embedded in the practice of all of the work that we, as the Youth Work Team, deliver. This is evident in both our community based provision and programmes that are delivered in our educational environments, where we create an environment for young people to flourish, develop and adopt the ethos that we are working hard to achieve.

The Youth Conference was predominantly coordinated by Vibrant Communities Youth Work staff in conjunction and consultation with young people. Our colleagues in Education, including young people, were completely engaged in the planning of each of the conferences which ensured that the content of the events/workshops were based on the topics and issues that were affecting young people. The Youth Work Outcomes have provided a base and structure for us to continue to plan provide the high quality provision that our young people expect from us and we ensure that they feature heavily in what we are doing.

What difference has using the Youth Work Outcomes made?

Linking the Youth Work Outcomes and Curriculum for Excellence Experiences and Outcomes highlights the contribution that Youth Work across East Ayrshire makes to both. Schools are more aware of youth work specific outcomes and how we are working to meet these outcomes as CLD workers in Vibrant Communities. The Youth Work Outcomes help us to make valuable links between youth work and education as we no longer situated within Education department within the council.

Related Links and Resources



- ❖ <https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/CouncilAndGovernment/About-the-Council/East%20Ayrshire%20Council%20Structure/Safer-Communities/HousingandCommunities/VibrantCommunities.aspx>
- ❖ East Ayrshire Youth Conference 17 Senior Teacher Information Booklet
- ❖ East Ayrshire Youth Conference Report 2017

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