

Youth work & Scottish education

The youth work sector has developed key messaging to help schools and other educators understand youth work's contribution to education – in particular the National Improvement Framework's ambition for excellence and equity, the Scottish Attainment Challenge and the 15-24 Learner Journey Review.

Youth work role in key priorities for education	Key messages
<p>Youth work delivers excellence and equity</p> <p>(National Improvement Framework, 15 – 24 Learner Journey, DYW)</p>	<p>Youth work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures children and young people develop the right, broad range of skills, attributes and achievements to allow them to succeed regardless of background. • Offers opportunities for all young people whilst making a unique contribution to those who need it most. • Enhances delivery of the formal curriculum and should be an integral part of the learning experience and entitlement for all pupils. • Raises attainment for all - improving health and wellbeing, employability skills and sustainable leaver destinations, increases attainment and achievement.
<p>Youth work closes the poverty related attainment gap</p> <p>(Scottish Attainment Challenge)</p>	<p>Youth work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improves attendance and engagement, • Increases attainment and achievement, • Lowers exclusions, • Improves health and wellbeing, and • Increases employability and sustainable leaver destinations.
<p>Youth work is a key component of the 15-24 education system</p> <p>(15 – 24 Learner Journey Review)</p>	<p>Youth work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures children and young people develop the right, broad range of skills, attributes and achievements to allow them to succeed regardless of background. • Is particularly important in supporting young people most at risk of disengagement. • Contributes to personalisation and choice within the learner journey. • Ensures the education and skills system delivers a diverse and richer learning experience for all young people; providing flexibility within the learner journey. • Increases skills for learning, life and work, including opportunities for wider learning and achievement often using youth awards.