NATIONAL YOUTH WORK CONFERENCE

Youth Work 2020: resilient, resourceful and reimagined

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th November 2020
10am to 2.30pm
Undoubtedly 2020 has been an incredibly challenging year for young people here in Scotland. Lockdown saw the immediate closure of schools and exams disrupted. Then unemployment levels soared, a new level of social and digital isolation was experienced, poor mental health increased, while other health suffered, more families were thrown into poverty and young people from protected characteristics felt the added isolation due to additional barriers.

The youth work sector has responded with energy and commitment. Together we have supported young people and communities, developed new partnerships and found innovative ways to maintain positive relationships with the young people we work with - and all while facing funding restrictions and organisational challenges.

With all of this in mind, the National Youth Work Conference will showcase the strength and adaptability of the sector; share practice from across Scotland - and internationally - and explore the future direction of youth work.

This event is for member organisations of YouthLink Scotland, but is also open to anyone who has an interest in making the youth work sector in Scotland ever more resilient, growing our resources and working towards a positive future for young people.

£15 for members, £25 for non-members.
Your invitation...

We are living through a time of unprecedented challenge and rapid change. The youth work sector can be proud of how it has adapted to prioritise the needs of all children and young people, especially the most vulnerable. We have been resilient, we have been resourceful.

To sustain this work with the current financial pressures, we need to help each other to reimagine the future of youth work. We can only do this together, to lean on each other and stand on one another’s shoulders to imagine a better future for young people in Scotland, supported by youth work.

Please create some space in your diary even in this busiest season. We need you and you need each other as we chart a pathway forward.

Tim Frew, CEO, YouthLink Scotland.

Contact us for more information.
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Welcome

Introduction to our two-day event with The Very Reverend Dr Lorna Hood OBE, Chair of YouthLink Scotland.

Message of support from the Scottish Government.

The pandemic balancing act

How do we mitigate the risk and harm to young people of COVID-19? What is youth work’s role?

Dr Diane Stockton


International perspective

The pandemic has had an enormous impact on young people across the globe. Hear about the role of youth work in responding to the crisis in another context.

Keynote contribution on international impact - speaker tbc.

BREAK
Choose your workshop:

1. Covid in Colour
The experiences of young Black and People of Colour Scots during the COVID-19 pandemic. With Intercultural Youth Scotland.

2. Heids Together & Aye Feel
Explore new mental health resources and hear the story of their rapid development in response to Coronavirus with Young Scot, Passion4Fusion, Dumfries & Galloway Council and FARE Scotland with St Mungo’s Academy.

3. Responding fast
Hear how youth work providers Scran Academy & South Lanarkshire Council adapted their services quickly to respond to young people during the pandemic crisis.

4. Impact
Find out about the impact of LGBT Youth Scotland’s digital youth work on young people during COVID-19 with YouthLink Scotland, Northern Star & LGBT Youth Scotland.

5. With and without digital
Come to this interactive session to discuss the role of digital during the pandemic, tackle some of the barriers and explore the value of young people mentoring and leading others in STEM using digital technologies as part of the Young STEM Leader Programme.

6. Education
Explore how youth work is already contributing to the Scottish Attainment Challenge – and the sector’s role in education recovery and renewal with contributions from The Youth Work & School’s Collaborative.

Note: when you book for the conference we will send details of how to select specific workshops and discussions.
Welcome back

The Very Reverend Dr Lorna Hood OBE, Chair of YouthLink Scotland.

A Message for Scotland’s Young People

Watch a short film for young people, developed with the Youth Work COVID-19 Recovery Group in partnership with Youth Theatre Arts Scotland and young people from PACE.

Exploring resilient and resourceful youth work in 2020

Choose your topic for a themed discussion in small groups.

1. Outdoors
How can we keep Scotland’s outdoor centres operational?

2. Inequalities
How do we respond to growing inequalities?

3. Education
The OECD is undertaking an independent review of Curriculum for Excellence. What does this mean for youth work?

4. Indoors
How can we help get access to facilities?

5. COVID-19 Guidance
How do I keep up with changing guidance?

6. Health and wellbeing
How can we support young people’s health and wellbeing?
Lockdown Lowdown

What are young people feeling about the COVID-19 pandemic? This session will explore the findings of the National Lockdown Lowdown survey in Scotland and how we can use these as youth workers to inform our future practice.

2020 in numbers

Quick fire quiz around some of 2020 youth work happenings.

Wrap up

The Very Reverend Dr Lorna Hood OBE, Chair, YouthLink Scotland.
Day 2: 4 November 2020
Youth Work 2020: reimagined

10.00 – 10.10

Welcome
Tim Frew, CEO, YouthLink Scotland.

10.10 – 10.30

Rights
How do we ensure that all youth workers and young people in Scotland become Human Rights Defenders and together build the legacy of UNCRC Incorporation?
Keynote speaker: Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People’s Commissioner Scotland.

10.30 – 11.00

Equality, diversity and inclusion
How do we ensure that our youth work practice is fully inclusive of all young people?
Stewart Kyasmire, Director, *Black and Scottish* (BBC)

11.00 - 11.15

BREAK
Choose your workshop:

1. Reimagining youth employability
What role does and can youth work play in supporting the Youth Employability agenda through programmes such as Developing the Young Workforce and the Youth Guarantee? Join Klaus Mayer, Education Scotland, Louise Goodlad, The Prince’s Trust in Scotland and Leona Seaton, Scottish Government.

2. Reimagining funding for youth work
The funding landscape has changed. This workshop will look at those changes, what funders are now thinking about and what’s on the horizon. We’ll have a really practical focus and consider what makes a good funding application. With Sally Dyson and Christie McAlpine, SCVO.

3. Reimagining youth work and sexual health
COVID-19 has amplified young people’s challenges with relationships and sexual health. This session will explore what young people need from youth workers and sources of support that youth workers can access. With Nicky Coia, Health Improvement Manager (Sexual Health) NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

4. Reimagining youth work and the environment
What role does the youth work sector have to play in a green, just and sustainable recovery? Join this workshop to explore the future of youth work using a Learning for Sustainability approach.

5. Reimagining youth work and conflict resolution
Recognising emotional states in ourselves and others to try and understand how we manage (relationship) conflict in a youth work setting, with SCCR (Scottish Centre for Conflict Resolution).

6. Reimagining violence reduction beyond COVID-19
Join an interactive session looking at how young people are impacted by lockdown and other COVID-19 related problems and how this impacts on violence and violence prevention for young people. Exploring the context, issues and future delivery.

LUNCH BREAK
Welcome back
Tim Frew, CEO, YouthLink Scotland.

Reflect and imagine
Take a few minutes to reimagine the future of youth work in Scotland.

Supporting young people tomorrow
Meet in small groups to share your thoughts and plan some next steps for yourself and your organisation.

Panel discussion and Q&A
With Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People’s Commissioner Scotland; Lorna Forrest, SCVO; Tim Frew, CEO, YouthLink Scotland Katrina Lambert, #iwill Ambassador -and others tbc.

Wrap-up
Tim Frew, CEO, YouthLink Scotland.

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