National Youth Work Conference: Lockdown Lowdown

November 3\textsuperscript{rd} 2020
1.45pm – 2.15pm

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Welcome

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Purpose of today’s session

• **Share** the findings from the National Lockdown Lowdown Survey

• **Explore** the findings in a youth work context.

• **Outline** the next steps for Lockdown Lowdown going forward.
Quick Poll

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The Background

- **Partnership** between Young Scot, Scottish Youth Parliament & YouthLink Scotland.

- **Survey** ran from 3rd – 17th April 2020.

- **Provided** a clearer picture on what young people were worried about in regards to Covid-19.

- **Supplemented** by weekly social media survey through Young Scot’s channels.
The Background

• **Phase 2** launched at the end of September.
• **Survey** ran from 3rd – 17th April 2020.
• **Inform** Scottish Government’s future decision-making process in relation to Covid-19
• **Supplemented** by 5 focus group sessions on the following themes:
  • BAME young people
  • Care experienced young people
  • Young carers
  • Young people with disabilities
  • Young people with experience of the criminal justice system.
46% Concerned about the mental health of others
41% Concerned about the physical health of others
30% Concerned about looking out for/care for others

Almost a third are moderately or somewhat concerned about their ability to look out for or care for others, too.
The Key Headlines

Mental Health

Almost two-fifths of respondents stated they were concerned about their mental health & wellbeing.

• **Confirms** that young people need continued and consistent support during the Covid-19 pandemic.
• **Reinforces** the crucial role that youth work has in providing that support for young people

#YouthWorkNeedsAHome!
The Key Headlines

Young People’s Rights

Over half (58%) stated that they had some concern over the impact of Covid-19 on their rights.

- **Key role** for youth workers in supporting young people to realise their rights and speak up if they aren’t being upheld.

- **Interesting** to bear in mind now that UNCRC is being incorporated into Scots Law.
The Key Headlines

School, college & university closures:

42% stated that they were concerned about school, college and university closures.

- **Highlights** the importance of alternative approaches to education.
- **Offers** opportunity for collaboration between formal education & youth work.
Young People’s Futures

Two-thirds stated that they are concerned about the impact of COVID-19 on their future.

• **Key role** for youth workers in supporting young people to develop skills, access volunteering opportunities & build pathways into employment.

• **Opportunity** for youth workers to work with young people to build forwards better beyond the Covid-19 pandemic.
Relevance of findings for youth workers

• **Echoes** much of what youth workers hear from young people across Scotland.

• **Outlines** written evidence of the impact that lockdown has had on young people’s lives and helps ensure these views can’t be ignored.

• **Demonstrates** evidence that can’t be disputed and goes beyond the anecdotal evidence that policy makers etc. should and cannot ignore.

• **Provides** youth workers with a steer about where they can focus their future support for young people.
What next

**Lockdown Lowdown phase 2!**

- **Survey** closed Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November.
- **Analysis** of survey data & focus group responses is underway.
- **Report** of key findings produced by end of November.
Thank you!

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