



## Who we are...

Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service (KYES) is a registered charity (SC029348) and has been offering opportunities to young people aged 12 to 25 in the Kintyre area since 1999. It operates from a shop front base but is flexible enough to cover the whole of Kintyre. KYES has worked hard to establish a range of provision that is attractive to this age group providing varied training opportunities, further education, work placements, one to one support, outdoor activities and diversionary schemes.

A large number of young people, particularly in the South Kintyre area, are disadvantaged by poverty, lack of educational attainment and unemployment. In such a remote rural area it is difficult to specifically target the service to groups, such as; young people leaving care, offenders, drug users and other very vulnerable groups, we work with all these young people through housing support and the thematic drop-in's and refer them to other agencies if we cannot provide them with the support they need.

KYES has developed a range of services to tackle the problems faced by all young people including those considered most marginalised. KYES offers a neutral, confidential and approachable service for young people aged 12-25 and has worked to develop a range of provision that is attractive to this age group.

It is important for KYES to provide work experience and training to young people as there aren't many of these opportunities available in Campbeltown. We offer work experience through the Get Ready for Work scheme, Community Jobs Scotland, Grammar School, Job Centre, Argyll College and Argyll Training, we also access training for young people through a variety of sources.

## What we do...

We provide a safe environment for the young people in our area to meet on a social level, participate in training and take part in the various activities that we provide. We help the young people develop socially and mentally through the wide range of provision that we offer.

### *Job Club*

KYES run a very successful Job Information Club on a weekly basis, and we have recently had several people enter full and part time employment, access training and volunteering opportunities.

15 young people have gained full time employment, 5 gained part time employment, 15 young people are in college, 3 young people have done Get Ready for Work with KYES. This is a

training scheme delivered by Argyll Training where, young people work in an organisation or company for 30 hours per week to gain skills and experience.

All young people that have been involved with the Job Club to date have signed up for Time Banking, a volunteer scheme running throughout Argyll with Argyll Voluntary Action where young people can sign up for volunteering their skills and time, i.e. if a young person tidies a garden for 4 hours, they are then owed 4 hours time from another Timebanker who in return could volunteer to decorate for them for 4 hours, each timebanker may have different skills to offer.

A total of 115 jobs have been applied for and an average of 30 enquiries are made by between 8-15 young people per week to find employment using the phone, internet and computer for printing off job adverts and CV's, etc.

#### *Life Skills*

KYES runs a weekly Life Skills class, the young people meet for 3 hours, they cook a meal together, prepare and clear away the table settings, followed by group discussions and practical activities which include sessions on the following; drugs & alcohol, sexual health, budgeting, First Aid, electrical wiring in the home, general DIY and healthy living.

#### *Thematic Drop-in Sessions*

We offer a wide and varied range of thematic youth drop in's focused on; Housing Issues, Alcohol & Drug Awareness, Health & Wellbeing (these groups run on a Monday, Wednesday & Thursday) a Music Project (this runs twice weekly) and we are also open on Thursday & Friday Evenings, where staff members provide information and advice in whichever area needed and if they cannot help, they will find an agency that can and will assist in any way possible.

The number of young people attending the daily & evening drop-in's is rising monthly, the young people enjoy coming to KYES as it is a comfortable and safe place for them to go to socialise with friends, make new friends, use the internet, PS3, Wii, Xbox, telephone, play pool, arts & crafts and much more.

### Evaluation & Involvement

All young people are asked regularly to fill in feedback forms and surveys about particular drop-in's/projects/sessions. This enables us to continually improve the high quality service we pride ourselves in providing. The Administrator will create new feedback forms to ask how the staff treated them. Staff will also know if having a full time Administrator has been beneficial; when the project is running smoothly and all paperwork is being dealt with effectively and efficiently, when young people are doing well with the Admin training, when the KYES is open longer hours and when the amount of young people attending is increasing due to the advertising and promotion of the service by the Administrator.

We have 6 service users on our Committee, who share their views and contribute to the running of the service. A group of young people also help the Administrator and Project Co-ordinator answer and complete the Annual Return/Self assessment for the Care Commission (SCSWIS) and Argyll & Bute Council. The young people are very much involved with the designing and preparation of the KYES Annual Report that we send to funders and they really enjoy that involvement.