



Community Learning Services LiveArgyll Update

Youth Work Cowal

GIVE – summer programme provided 9 opportunities for young people to participate in. This included some awareness sessions, community projects and reward trips. Attendees were mainly new engagers and ranging in age from 11 to 15. The group took part in a water safety session delivered by Dunoon Coastguard, completed community projects with Inspiring Innellan and Bullwood Nature Trail in return for trips to Dunoon Cinema, Castle Semple Lochwinnoch for kayaking and Canoeing and Go-karting and Lazerquest at Scotkart Clydebank. The latter 2 trips saw the Dunoon group link up with young people from Helensburgh and Lomond. The group received a lot of positive comments from the community in Innellan with members of the public taking time to praise their work ethic and thank them for their efforts weeding and tidying the area around Cluniter.

Friday Night Football is being delivered once a month for the next few months in partnership with Police Scotland at the Black Park cages. Numbers so far haven't been as high as the previous programme but this may be due to the school holidays and many being out of the area on holiday. Dates for the next two sessions are Friday 18 August and Friday 15 September. The programme will be reviewed after the September session to determine whether there is still a need to continue.

Police Scotland Young Volunteers (PSYV) – LiveArgyll Youth Worker Ann Kennovin has been supporting PC Quinn with the PSYV group who have been helping with community events in Cowal and beyond. So far the group has helped at the following events Sandbank Gala, Dunoon Rally, Inveraray Highland Games as well as the Kings Dedication service in Edinburgh. Discussions are ongoing regarding the delivery of wider achievement options for the group – Dynamic Youth Award, Youth Achievement Awards, Volunteering Awards.

School work – Currently working with DYW (Developing Young Work Force) Lead at Dunoon Grammar on the delivery of SQA Employability Award as part of the EXiTE programme which is targeted at those young people leaving school after 4th year. The pupils will also undertake a work placement in their chosen industry one day per week for the full academic year to gain experience and increase their employability skills.

Youth Work Bute

Summer Exchange Programme - This is a chance for the Youth Action Groups across Argyll and Bute to come together, get to know each other, see other parts of Argyll and Bute, do some work with another Action Group to enhance the youth voice network, make friends, and take part in some fun activities. The hope is this could become an annual programme to different areas of Argyll and Bute to give them a chance to work with different groups across the local authority.

Bute Youth Action Group were first to do so and hosted the Kintyre Youth Action Group in July. There was an overnight stay in Rothesay with 16 children ages of 13 – 17. They participated in various activities throughout the day around the Island including a beach clean/litter pick and BBQ.

Team building activities, games and a silent disco. Bute Youth Action Group will be taking their Exchange Trip to Kintyre on Tuesday the 8th and Wednesday the 9th of August where it will be Kintyre Youth Action group's turn to host.

Adult Learning Cowal and Bute

Adult learning in both areas have a Community Learning Worker who work as an Adult Learning Lead in a Part time capacity Shona is responsible for Rothesay/Bute and Angela for Dunoon/Cowal. They are currently looking at Adult Learning opportunities and engaging /working with Partners to identify some of the current needs/provision required. For further information and to find out what is happening in the different areas contact details are as follows:

Bute: Shona Edwards is now in Post for Community Based Adult Learning on Bute. Shona will also continue in her role as Youth Worker and she can be contacted on the same contact details for both. Her contact details are telephone 01700 501335. Email: Shona.Edwards@liveargyll.co.uk

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