

**YOUTH WORK CONSULTATION - OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL****1. QUESTIONNAIRE****WHAT DO YOU THINK?****Introduction – the role of youth work**

1. Should it always be up to a young person to decide whether they want to take part in a youth work activity? Or are there circumstances where it would be okay to require a young person to take part e.g. as part of a drug rehabilitation programme?

If it is just a simple activity that they have to take part in, then yes. But if someone has a real problem the youth worker should be allowed to make them go. They should give them the chance.

2. Do you think youth work activities should be open and available to all young people? Or should there be different types of activities or extra activities for young people who might find it difficult to take part, for whatever reason?

It should be open to everyone and youth workers should be allowed people that cannot fully take part.

### Better information for young people

3. What can we do to provide better information for young people? How can young people be more involved in developing information for other young people?

Big posters outdoors in the community  
Web information - different websites.

### Access to opportunities for young people

4. What are the main benefits that young people get from youth work?

Day activities, youth workers, the clubs that run,

5. How can we make sure that all young people can take part in youth work activities (no matter where they live, their background, their ethnicity, their sexuality etc)? And how do we make sure that youth work respects any differences that they may have?

Ask everybody what they want to do, what kind of activities they would like to take part in.

Make sure that the activities that are on suit everyone.

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6. What can youth organisations do to provide the kind of youth work opportunities that young people want and also attract more young people?

Do fundraising to get more money.

### Empowering and engaging young people

7. What more can be done to make sure that young people's views are heard when people are making decisions that affect them?

Send a letter to the decision makers  
Tell the housing association.  
Ask for a vote.

8. How can the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) get more young people involved and also make sure that it represents young people in Scotland?

More advertising. In youth clubs, community centre etc.  
Show what can be achieved when taking part.

### **Improving quality**

9. How can we make sure that young people's achievements in youth work (e.g. Youth Achievement Award and Duke of Edinburgh's Award) are recognised by others, like employers?

### **Training**

10. What skills and qualities do you think a good youth worker or volunteer should have?

Be good at talking and taking part  
in games.

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Any other comments?

Thank you for your time.