

Questionnaire " what do you think?

Introduction " the role of youth work

Question 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?

It should be the choice of the young person

Question 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 for young people who might find it difficult to take part, for whatever reason?

Yes, they should be open to all young people

Better information for young people

Pre-payment certificate scheme

Question 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?

Have it available in places young people are likely to be e.g schools, colleges.

Access to opportunities for young people

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

Information that they want and are interested in.

Question 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?

Youth workers should get training on all issues relating to young people. Make information easily available to young people and make it so they can understand it and it attracts them easily.

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

Make it relevant to young people and interesting.

Empowering and engaging young people

<p>Question 7: What more can be done to make sure that young people's views are heard when people are making decisions that affect them?</p>	<p>Speak to them 1 to 1 as much as possible and have confidential meetings so young people don't feel intimidated and nervous about what they are saying.</p>
<p>Question 8: How can the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) get more young people involved and also make sure that it represents young people in Scotland?</p>	

Improving quality

<p>Question 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?</p>	<p>Make sure that any certificates, qualifications young people get are nationally recognised by employers, universities, colleges etc.</p>
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Training

<p>Question 10: What skills and qualities do you think a good youth worker or volunteer should have?</p>	<p>Be a good listener, get involved in activities instead of watching young people taking part and be trustworthy so young people feel comfortable talking to them.</p>
<p>Any other comments?</p>	

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