

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?

I don't think a young person should be forced to do anything they don't ~~want~~ want to but if the punishment of a crime was to take part in a youth work activity to try and better themselves then it should be compulsory.

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?

I think youth work activities should be open and ~~available~~ available to anyone who ~~wants~~ wants to take part in them. I think there should be different types of activities or extra activities for people who find it difficult to take part and these activities can be voluntary.

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?

To provide better information for young people, you could advertise youth projects in local leisure centres, in appropriate ~~primary schools~~ ^{retail outlets} and also put up information in secondary schools as well as maybe doing presentations or talks in secondary schools. Young people could possibly do presentations in other schools or just tell all their friends about the projects.

Access to opportunities for young people

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

I think the main benefits that young people get from youth work are that they get to make new friends, ~~get~~ gain an understanding of other young people and our society and of course the ^{overall} experience.

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?

To make sure all young people can take part in youth work activities you could advertise in a broad range of schools and make sure they know there is no prejudice in youth work activities at all and to ensure this is the case you could possibly run workshops for sectarianism, bigotry etc.

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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?

Youth organisations could do a survey or questionnaire and ask ~~senior~~ ~~senior~~ senior pupils ~~to~~ in every school in Glasgow to fill it out. This way ~~you~~ you get a wide variety of interests. This can also advertise youth work opportunities to young people

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?

Young people should be part of every step of the decision process in some way and this can be achieved by letting representatives aware of what's going on and things like Glasgow Student Council

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

The SYP could involve every School in Edinburgh and Glasgow in order to cover the two major cities and elect representatives from the senior pupils at these schools to attend SYP meetings as well as advertising the SYP and possibly ~~set up a~~ ~~run~~ ~~a~~ website where ~~young~~ ~~people~~ can let people have their say in form of educational executive

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?

Encourage young people to talk about these achievements on their CVs etc. and ~~to~~ possibly advertise these achievements and their ceremonies more through media coverage.

Training

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

I think they should be caring, well-mannered, helpful and ~~understanding~~ mature.

They may also need experience in organising activities etc.

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Any other comments?

Thank you for your time.