

## **YouthBank has provided accredited training to 661 young people!**

### **What participants say about YBS...**

As YouthBanks are spread about the country we endeavour to bring young people to residential skills exchanges and training events each year.

Comments detailed below come from a residential where young people took part in accredited Grant Making Training, 3 outdoor activities, including a mindfulness session, for personal development and team building and more....

### **YBS asked young people**

**“What have you gotten out of being on the YBS residential?”**

#### **A flavour of how they replied**

Met lots of lovely people and gained more confidence : Eilish

I've met new people and I am taking new skills home. Tarah

Where else can you get young people of Scotland together like this? We all made friends and new skills. It is definitely a unique opportunity I wouldn't miss. Caitlin

When you are at YB meetings you learn things but when you are at a resi you live it! Aiden

Cracking time and a qualification! Danny

Better team work skills: Dale

Gained confidence and new skills: Danielle

Come and gain confidence and meet new friends and have fun: Hifedar

Everyone is lovely – learnt about skills and got a qualification: Emma

Met new people and you always learn new things! Charley

Gained lots of skills and made many new friends: Danica

Learned about other YouthBanks and met loads of new friends; Kimberly

Gained lots of confidence and new skill and new friends: Melissa

Met new people from across YBS. More young people now have more qualifications. Had a Great Time ☺ Paul

**Each individual YouthBank has a supporting adult called a co-ordinator, these are often a Youth Worker.**

### **YBS asked Co-ordinators**

**1. What have you got out of being here?**

**2. What would you tell other co-ordinators who were not able to be here?**

## **Here is a flavour of what they said:**

Rhona Nithsdale

- 1. Has reinforced why I work with young people. The resi was awesome!*
- 2. You need to do a YBS resi! It is such a fantastic opportunity to work with young people, see what they get out of it( which is loads) as well as work with other YouthBank Co-ordinators.*

Irene YBS board advisor

- 1. Seeing brand new YouthBankers and how they work so well together – nothing changes when you get young people together!!!*
- 2. These residential are so worthwhile, both for young people and co-ordinators. Great to meet old and new members and share the good and not so good! Hope to see you at the next one..*

Michelle Glasgow

- 1. I enjoyed learning from others, especially how YouthBanks work.*
- 2. Try to come along next time as there are great learning development and fun opportunities for young people and co-ordinators.*

Katie East Lothian

- 1. New ideas for youthbank and for other group activities*
- 2. After our YouthBank working so hard all year it is great to see them get a reward for the work they do.*

Tracey Dumfries

- 1. The chance to catch up with other co-ordinators and their young people and to see our young people – young assessors to develop new skills.*
- 2. The opportunity to share skills, experiences and resources should not be missed!*

Laura North Ayrshire

- 1. Excellent networking opportunity. Great way to get a fresh perspective on ideas and a great boost in YouthBank enthusiasm.*
- 2. Being involved in YBS is such a valuable experience for workers and young people. YBS enables young people to grow in confidence, self-esteem and provide them with qualifications. Residential are excellent events to allow this to happen.*

Alan YBS board member

- 1. A great opportunity to network with and build up lots of positive connections. Also learned about great funding opportunities.*
- 2. A fantastic opportunity to network with other agencies and personal development. It also allows the young people an excellent opportunity to flourish.*