



YouthBank Scotland and the Values of Scotland

Wisdom, justice, compassion and **integrity** are the words inscribed on the mace of the Scottish Parliament. These words have helped to define values for Scottish society.

The Curriculum Review Group says: 'One of the prime purposes of education is to make our young people aware of the values on which Scottish society is based and so help them to establish their own stances on matters of social justice and personal and collective responsibility. Young people therefore need to learn about and develop these values. The curriculum is an important means through which this personal development should be encouraged.'

Curriculum for Excellence

- successful learners
- confident individuals
- responsible citizens
- effective contributors

YouthBank Scotland

Is a youth led organisation reaching urban, rural and island communities across Scotland. YouthBank Scotland supports young people become leaders of community improvement. We work with local stakeholders and provide learning opportunities to enable young people to develop skills for life through YouthBank activity. A **YouthBank is a community enhancing youth led decision making model** that involves young people working with partners to establish a grant fund that is distributed to other young people for community benefit.

YouthBank Scotland is founded on a strong value base of the **Golden Rules**. These enable each local YouthBank to develop in the manner that best serves local needs and aspirations. Each YouthBank demonstrates their commitment to fulfil the values by achieving a licence to establish a YouthBank.

1. YouthBank activity has to be **young people led** – at local, regional, and national levels. The role of adults in YouthBank is to support and advise young people.

2. YouthBank is **open to all young people**. We recognise that some young people may have barriers to overcome so that they can get involved – we will do our best to include these young people in YouthBank activity.
3. YouthBank offers young people the opportunity to find out about each other's lives, cultures and experiences in a supportive environment. YouthBanks therefore must **respect the differences and talents** of all young people.
4. YouthBank activity **must be accountable**, monitoring and reporting on how and where money is spent.
5. YouthBanks should **communicate clearly**, using simple language (not jargon), to make sure young people have the greatest possible knowledge of YouthBank activity at all levels.
6. YouthBank activity must **add to the skills, knowledge and experience** of young people – using a range of training, new experiences and activity-based learning, gaining accreditation where possible.
7. YouthBanks need to make time to **learn from what they do** – to reflect on their activity at all levels and not be afraid to make changes to the way they operate.
8. YouthBanks need to **celebrate the achievements of young people**. YouthBank is a great way for young people to develop what they can do, we need to get this message across and have fun too!
9. YouthBanks must support young people to understand the YouthBank Scotland network, ensuring they are **aware of the local, regional and national progression opportunities** available.
10. YouthBank will work in partnership with other young people, groups or organisations where there are benefits for all to learn, develop and **advance a positive view of young people**.

YouthBank Scotland believes that the **YouthBank Golden Rules** embody the values of Scottish society;

- **Wisdom**
- **Justice,**
- **Compassion** and
- **Integrity**

YouthBank Scotland is outcome focused and valued based. We work with and are led by young people to design and develop challenging and fun learning opportunities that are personally developmental and beneficial to society.

YouthBank Scotland is hosted by YouthLink Scotland, the national agency for youth work. www.YouthBankScotland.org