

Work with young people - CLD

Young people in Aberdeenshire, have access to appropriate learning experiences and opportunities that make a difference and enable those with more challenges to overcome to enhance their life chances and reach their full potential as active members of their community. Through dynamic planning and delivery, Aberdeenshire will be nationally recognised as delivering high quality youth work provision.

Our approach

Our work with young people supports wider achievement and recognises development of skills for learning, life and work. Recognising young people as partners in their learning, we support young people to engage in lifelong learning and reflect on their achievements. By improving self-esteem, we support young people to build confidence and resilience. Our work has a positive impact on attitudes and behaviours to develop aspirations and contribute to the achievement and attainment priorities in Aberdeenshire.

How we deliver our work with young people

Through our early intervention approach, our work with young people supports them to develop skills including resilience and confidence and encourages them to engage in their learning. These skills are particularly important for young people at key transitions in their lives. The two related themes are **Bridging the Gap** and **Move on Up**. We also support young people in political engagement and active citizenship through our **Youth Voice** strand.

Bridging the Gap

This relates to working with young people who need it most, through times of transition during P6 and S2. Delivering targeted learning opportunities in a variety of ways, we contribute to P7/S1 transition and to young learners' individual transitions, supporting learning progression which is targeted to individual needs and achievements

Move on Up

Working with young people from S3 to leaving school, we develop and deliver learning opportunities to increase skills and confidence and to enhance transition to post school opportunities for the young people who need it most, building on resilience, knowledge and skills to enable learners to progress in their achievements.

We continue to support young people once they leave school by contributing to Opportunities for All. This delivery is targeted to individual learners' needs and contributes to the Youth Employability agenda through engagement including Activity Agreements tailored to meet individual learner needs.

Youth Voice

In Aberdeenshire, the CLD Service supports Youth Action focussing on engagement, participation and active citizenship. By involving young people at local and national level they are able to influence decisions affecting them and their communities, demonstrating social commitment. Our work supports young people to engage in their wider community, in particular those who face challenges and barriers to participation.

Underpinning themes

There are aspects of young people's learning that are integral to all of our work. These include health and wellbeing, youth literacies and accreditation.

Health and well-being	We support young people to access knowledge, skills and opportunities to make positive informed lifestyle choices. By being informed confident individuals, their improved attitudes, behaviours and choices contribute to their short and long term health and wellbeing and support them to develop and sustain positive relationships.
Youth Literacies	Youth literacies are essential skills relating to literacy and numeracy and include financial literacy. We support young people to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding to effectively communicate with others, express their views and make decisions. Through supporting them to engage in and reflect on their own learning, we support them to recognise the applications of their knowledge and understanding in their everyday lives.
Accreditation	We lead, co-ordinate and deliver high quality accreditation to young people. In addition to direct delivery, we promote a wide range of accreditation opportunities, supporting young people to participate in ways most appropriate to them. We provide support to a range of council services and partners, including third sector, to enable them to contribute to wider achievement. Opportunities for accreditation are available to all young people we work with. This approach supports a formal recognition of young people's achievements
Volunteering	We support young people to volunteer to increase their skills and positively impact on their personal and social development. Through a variety of experiences, volunteering enables young people to effectively engage with and contribute to their community. Programmes include Peer Educators, Leadership Awards and Activity Agreements.