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Year of Young People 2018: Toolkit for schools and CLD groups

What is Year of Young People 2018?

The Year of Young People 2018 aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally. The Year will give young people, aged 8 to 26, new opportunities to influence decision making on issues affecting their lives and be involved in opportunities across the country.

Year of Young People Objectives and Outcomes

Objectives

- Provide a platform for young people to have their views heard and acted upon;
- Showcase the amazing talents of young people through events and media;
- Develop better understanding, co-operation and respect between generations;
- Recognise the impact of teachers, youth workers and other supporting adults on young people's lives;
- Provide opportunities for young people to express themselves through culture, sport and other activities.

Outcomes to be embedded for the long term not just 2018

- Young people have a greater say in decisions that affect their lives;
- Improved public perception of young people;
- More opportunities for inter-generational work and conversations;
- Young people have more opportunities to take part in positive activities and experiences.

Year of Young People Themes

YoYP 2018 activities and events are focusing on six themes that young people identified as most important for them as young Scots:

- **Participation** – looking at how young people can influence public services and decisions which affect their lives
- **Education** – creating a stronger role for young people in shaping their learning
- **Health and Wellbeing** – supporting young people to lead healthier, active lives and have opportunities to learn about and improve their mental health and resilience



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- **Equality and Discrimination** – broadcasting the value of young Scots, challenging negative perceptions of young people, and supporting young people to take leading roles in challenging discrimination in all its forms.
- **Enterprise and Regeneration** – celebrating young people’s role in innovation, entrepreneurship and the Scottish economy as well as making Scotland a greener and more pleasant place to live
- **Culture** – supporting young people’s contributions to Scottish culture and enabling young people to engage with culture through arts, music, theatre, etc.

In particular, the aims of the **Education** theme of YoYP are to:

- Enable young people to have more say in their education and learning, by providing opportunities to have their views heard and acted upon.
- Highlight the many excellent ways that Scotland’s curriculum enables young people to be leaders of their learning and active participants in the life and work of their education setting.
- Celebrate the rich and varied ways in which our education framework supports young people to be confident individuals with both the skills and the knowledge to succeed in life, learning and work.
- Drive forward a further step-change in the quality and extent of young people’s participation in their schools, further and higher education and youth work settings.