

Report

Report to:	Education Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	6 February 2018
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Year of Young People 2018
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide an update on the aims, objectives, themes and local developments in relation to the Year of Young People 2018, recognising and celebrating the talents and achievements of young people across Scotland.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the aims, objectives and themes of the Year of Young People 2018; be noted; and
- (2) that the arrangements for a launch event to be held on 14 March 2018, to showcase and celebrate the talents of young people, as outlined in paragraph 5, be noted.

3. Background

3.1. Year of Young People (YoYP) 2018 is an opportunity to celebrate the young personalities, talents and achievers that make up Scotland. It is all about inspiring our nation through its young people's ideas, attitudes and ambitions.

3.2. An in-depth engagement process was undertaken by young people in 2015 and 2016, through which young people made recommendations for what the aim, objectives and priority themes should be for the Year of Young People 2018. These are detailed in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3. All activity delivered through Year of Young People 2018 is expected to be developed with a clear focus on meeting these aims and objectives.

4. Year of Young People 2018 aims, objectives and themes

4.1. YoYP 2018 aims to inspire young people, celebrate their achievements, value their contribution to communities and create new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.

4.2. The objectives set out for YoYP 2018 are:

- 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 youth workers, teachers and other supporting adults on young people's lives
- provide opportunities for young people to express themselves through culture, sport and other activities

4.3. YoYP 2018 activities and events focus on 6 themes that young people identified as most important for 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
- 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 – celebrating young people's talent and contribution to Scottish culture and arts.

4.4. To support the development of activity across Scotland, Young Scot has supported the call for young people to act as ambassadors to ensure that young people and organisations in communities know about YoYP 2018 activities, and together with other ambassadors, lead on projects and activities within their area to create new opportunities for young people to shine locally, nationally and globally.

4.5. There are 8 YoYP 2018 Ambassadors in South Lanarkshire including members of South Lanarkshire Youth Council/Scottish Youth Parliament.

5. South Lanarkshire YoYP 2018 launch

5.1. A working group of the Youth Partnership, chaired by Councillor Julia Marrs, Spokesperson for Youth, has taken forward the planning of a full day of events on 14 March 2018, in the Banqueting Hall at Council Headquarters, to officially launch YoYP 2018 in South Lanarkshire.

The event provides an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the talents of young people and to let them know about the activities taking place across South Lanarkshire during 2018.

The event will be held in 3 stages across the day:

- Morning event – Secondary schools
- Afternoon event – Primary schools
- Evening event – stakeholders, including public and other agencies

5.2. Educational establishments and partners have been approached to nominate young people to take part at each of the events across the day. Through this, as many young people will have the opportunity to showcase their talents such as singing, music, poetry, drama, video production etc.

- 5.3. The Minister for Childcare and Early Years, Maree Todd MSP, will be attending the morning event to formally present the diary of events and to help celebrate the talents of young people from across South Lanarkshire.
- 5.4. The Minister will be supported by YoYP 2018 Youth Ambassadors from South Lanarkshire to introduce and compere the events.

6. YoYP 2018 events

- 6.1. 2018 is a big year for Young People in South Lanarkshire. Not only is it the opportunity to further recognise and celebrate young people, it is also the:

- 20th Anniversary of Universal Connections facilities across South Lanarkshire
- 21st Birthday of South Lanarkshire Youth Council; and
- launch of the 6th South Lanarkshire Youth Strategy

Developed from the issues identified by young people from across South Lanarkshire, the current Youth Strategy celebrated the successes of the annual action plan that accompanies the strategy, highlighting a range of impacts such as:

- 75,904 opportunities accessed across the partners within the Youth Partnership
- Over 33,500 positive lifestyle choices made through engagement with one-to-one support, youth centre based group work, areas based youth groups, street work and partner programmes;
- 2,839 young volunteers give over 50,000 hours of their time to help others and support communities;
- 1,249 young people gain at least 1 of 47 nationally accredited awards such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and Youth Achievement Awards, helping them prepare for life after school;
- 6,223 votes cast to elect 9 representatives to the Scottish Youth Parliament

The full presentation and videos from the day can be viewed through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/YAP2017-18>.

- 6.2. Across South Lanarkshire, young people are working with the Council and partners on funding applications to support events that reflect the 6 themes of YoYP 2018 and showcase the talents and achievements of young people across South Lanarkshire.
- 6.3. The examples below give an idea of the breadth of activities taking place across South Lanarkshire across the year in different areas of South Lanarkshire. In addition to this, 2 South Lanarkshire wide events are planned by Youth Learning Services; one a festival to showcase music, drama, and performance arts, and one to celebrate wider achievement of young people, recognising the wide skill base of young people.

Events include:

- Scottish Dragons' Chinese New Year Showcase – February
- Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Scheme awards celebration – February
- Vertigo Theatre for Youth/Vertigo 360 theatre group showcase and performance events – March/November
- South Lanarkshire Young Sports Panel 2 fun days of different taster sessions – June

- Carluke Young Farmers' 75th Anniversary Event – June
- Open air live music event presenting bands and solo acts from across South Lanarkshire – July

A comprehensive diary of events that will inspire young people to participate in new opportunities, develop their aspirations and increase their confidence to try new things will be launched at the event on 14 March 2018.

- 6.4. Events will be promoted widely across the Council, partner organisations and through, social media and the Council website. Local and national activity can be followed and shared on Twitter with the hashtag #YOYP2018.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. None

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. Funding bids are being made by young people to the CREATE2018 fund, administered by Young Scot, which can provide up to £1,000 for delivering events. There are 2 funds within this; one for events during January – June 2018, and one for events during July – December 2018.

- 8.2. 3 bids have been funded to date. These are:

- Scottish Dragons Chinese New Year Showcase
- South Lanarkshire Young Sports Panel 2 fun days of different taster sessions
- Carluke Young Farmers 75th Anniversary Event

Feedback on the success of bids for the July to December fund has not been received as yet. The deadline for submission is 22 January 2018.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no implications for sustainability or risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

- 10.2. Young people have been actively engaged in helping to set the aims and objectives for the 'Year of Young People' and in planning events to celebrate this occasion.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- Increase achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- Ensure schools and other places of learning are inspirational
- Support our communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation and supporting aspiration
- Encourage participation in physical and cultural activities

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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