



Inverclyde CLD S3 Group Inverclyde Academy

Inverclyde CLD youth workers designed a targeted programme for a group of young people in S3 at Inverclyde Academy who were identified as struggling with engagement and attendance in school. Participating young people were offered a range of activities, including a week-long course with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, a community-based project focussed around the Place Standard Toolkit and activities to nurture social and emotional wellbeing - and to tackle issues such as sectarianism and risk-taking behaviours.

Direct Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 8 young people took steps to overcome barriers to learning • Attendance in school and engagement showed improvement across the board. • All of the young people improved their skills – particularly interpersonal skills. • Young people also reported improved health and wellbeing – in particular a better understanding of risk-taking behaviour.
Accredited awards	The group's work in their community resulted in them being awarded an Inverclyde Year of Young People's Community Hero award. All 8 young people worked towards a Dynamic Youth Award and SQA Mental Health and Wellbeing award.
Unintended Outcomes for Young People	Young people have requested to be involved in similar programmes next academic year – recognising that their learning style is best supported using an informal youth work approach.

Young people

"Because of the group, I feel more confident working with others and focusing in class."

"I have improved my attention span not just in the group."

"I feel more confident communicating in groups and in games."

Teacher

"Pupils were learning valuable skills and it's visible that their confidence has grown in the body of the school."