



CashBack for Communities Youth Work Fund Stats
#CBYouthWorkFund

Last 15 years:

Reached **421,710** young people (note - vulnerable/at risk/from communities most affected by crime).

Last 5 years

Investment (SG) of 3.8 million **leveraged over £3.3m (£3,390,009)** in match and in-kind funding from funded organisations (youth work sector) (**87% return on investment**).

Funded **229,324** youth work hours.

Last 6 years the CashBack for Communities Youth Work Fund supported targeted youth work that:

Supported **43,625** young people into positive destinations .

Resulted in **22,016** young people reporting that they were less likely to get involved in anti-social/risk-taking behaviour.

Resulted in **37,212** young people achieving positive behaviour changes.

Supported **16,054** young people to achieve accredited learning.

Supported **7,747** young people to become involved in volunteering.

In the last 3 years, young people supported by funded organisations contributed **89,811** volunteering hours.

Impact – anti-social behaviour:

1. Outdoor Youth Hub – Tesco, Woodend, Aberdeen City

New multi-stakeholder project (Tesco, Police Scotland, Aberdeen CLD, Denis Law Legacy trust)
Supported for three years via the fund.

“ Anti-social behaviour in the area (outside Tesco) had escalated in 2020, as youth provisions shrunk despite extra police patrols, youth engagement and enforcement. Since the hub opened on May 27th 2021, there have been only 9 recorded police incidents involving young people. None of the ASB has been displaced into the wider community and therefore the evidence points towards a successful intervention that should continue. ”





2. Boyz Tok – Citadel, Edinburgh

“ This project has allowed the Citadel to provide a group for young males involved in anti-social/risk-taking behaviour to explore issues and topics in a non-judgmental space. It has allowed us to carry out small group work which has in turn gave us the opportunity to work closely with the young people to achieve their individual future goals. A number of the boys have now moved onto positive destinations including: 4 of the boys are now in full- time education at Edinburgh college and 1 young person is now in full - time employment.

The young people have also developed over the last year with regards to their maturity resulting in a reduction in offending. We worked very closely with the boys on the build up to Guy Fawkes Night and on November 5th itself; in previous years it had resulted in them causing offenses within the community. This year none of the boys received any charges and a number of them actively avoided engaging in anti-social behavior in the community. ”



3. Bluevale Community Club (Glasgow)



This project allowed us to set up a youth service initially for two days a week in an area which is SIMD rated the most deprived area in Glasgow. Creating a safe space for young people which activities are led through young people attending has empowered young people locally to feel a part of something. This has offered a positive pathway for young people locally and helped families suffering with food poverty. A key to our success is having experienced youth workers who have had lived experience in gang culture and anti social behaviour.

This has allowed us to engage with these young people on the same level and through this funding we were able to provide positive role models for the young people attending. A key to our success is being able to take these young people out their comfort zone and attend activities in which they may not be able to due to financial barriers. Local schools have noticed our success and contacted us to engage with pupils attending who are disengaged at school and are at risk of participating in anti social behaviour. This has seen our youth services grow and be attended by our targeted age group.

The schools have seen the success of how we work with disengaged youths and we now take some young people four days a week during school to provide alternative learning activities. The impact of this project has already been noticed by local residents, schools, parents and community police officers with local residents stating they have noticed a reduction in anti social behaviour locally which has been backed by community police reporting.



“ It gives me something else to go do on a Thursday, I know I need to stay sober and not have a smoke if I want to go. When my pals are asking me to go drinking or that with them, I now have an excuse not to go and cause I'm not just sitting in the house they don't push it as much. ”

(Young person, Springhall Community Youth Project)



“ Taking part has meant that I can comfortably be myself and has also gave me something to help distract me from the stress of school. My behaviour has been better and I am calmer as well. I have learned to play guitar and I am getting better all the time. ”

Participant – The Pavillion

“ Being a part of drop in again made me realise that I can do better than causing havoc in the local park with “friends” every week. It has shown me that I can get anywhere I want to be with focus and hard work. ”

Participant - YMCA Renfrewshire



“ It has meant that I now feel a lot more confident in myself – I spoke in front of a group for the first time and I feel like I learnt lots of new skills. I feel like I am ready to start looking for a job. ”

Participant - Rural and Urban Training Scheme (RUTS)



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