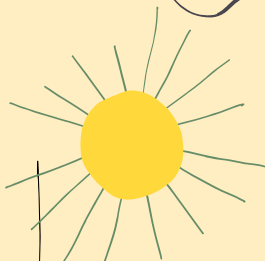


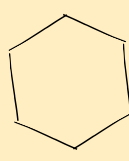
YOUTH WORK AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

ROSSHALL ACADEMY, GLASGOW AND GLASGOW LIFE CONTEXT



A partnership between Glasgow Life (Communities) and Rosshall Academy was established in 2019. A full time youth worker post in school – 50% funded by Glasgow Life, 50% funded by school PEF – supports around 40 young people per year


WHAT WORK WAS UNDERTAKEN?



A full time position allows for flexible, needs-led support. Targeted youth work support is offered at home, in the community and in school – meeting young people where they are at, in accordance with youth work principles. As well as one-to-one tailored support, young people have access to a range of Glasgow Life programmes include Reading the Game, Emotional Literacies, Community Volunteering, Raising Attainment. Young people are also supported to gain accredited awards such as the Community Achievement, Saltire Award, and DofE Awards. The Youth worker networks with other community organisations such as the NHS, South Youth Network and builds links with other partner organisations: e.g. ESOL classes for parents, Meander for Mental Health, Fair Deal, Village Storytelling and SWAMP.

WHAT IMPACT HAS THE WORK HAD?

The work aims to tackle the attainment gap, targeting young people most in need of support. Young people's progress has been measured in relation to their wellbeing, their engagement in learning, and their skills development.



QUANTITATIVE FEEDBACK

Since the outset of the partnership, 480 young people have accessed youth work support through the school partnership.

93% of participating young people developed their team building skills

92% of participating young people improved their confidence, their communication skills and their skills in self-care

79% of participating young people built positive relationships and improved their problem solving skills

52% of participating young people developed greater resilience

QUALITATIVE FEEDBACK

Young people

"I've got more confident, I am comfortable with making mistakes, asking questions and saying how I feel. I've been able to go and learn things outside school, I would never have spoken to other adults before now I can."

"I go to more classes now, and now when I get put down, I can get back up. Everything has changed a lot."

"I feel like the experience I had with youth work has made me realise that you don't need to be afraid to ask for the support, you don't need to be afraid of needing support. It's really helped me now I am in college as I am able to speak now about how I am feeling."

Teachers

"Young people who work with [the youth worker] have a massive increase in confidence which gives them the ability to try classes and activities they wouldn't previously have considered."

"Young people who have a bad day know they can go to [the youth work hub] to recover and then attempt classes and work again in the future. In the past they may have been more inclined to give up and not come back to us."

"The youth worker collaborates with parents/carers and external agencies to create opportunities for our young people to build team work skills both in school and in the local community."

"Through [the youth worker's] exceptional hard work we have seen an increase in pupil attendance and engagement. This has led to an increase in qualifications (both curricular and youth awards) gained and positive destinations for our young people."

