

Using Pupil Equity Funding to support partnership with youth work



“Alongside schools youth work improves the wellbeing, readiness to learn and educational outcomes of children and young people”. **(PEF National Operational Guidance 2023)**

This resource is designed to assist Headteachers in using Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) by providing examples of PEF-funded youth work and school partnerships that have very effectively improved outcomes for young people.

Headteachers are encouraged to work

collaboratively with youth work partners to develop effective plans and approaches to utilising PEF to improve educational outcomes for children and young people affected by poverty and enhance progress towards the delivery of the SAC (Scottish Attainment Challenge) mission. This includes approaches within the school and across the learning community and working together to measure impact. Investment of PEF in youth work can provide schools with the opportunity to enhance, scale or introduce new approaches to tackling the poverty-related attainment gap within the school, and across the learning community.

“Headteachers should endeavour to work in partnership with their local community partners, such as youth work and community learning and development, to develop approaches to utilising the funding to best effect”.

The Scottish Attainment Challenge: Framework for Recovery and Accelerating Progress (www.gov.scot)

Further guidance on the role of youth work in Scottish education can be found in [Youth Work: A Guide for Schools](#).

Improving outcomes for children and young people impacted by poverty:



Further information and support

YouthLink Scotland delivers one of the **Scottish Attainment Challenge** national programmes on behalf of Scottish Government. Our programme is tasked with strengthening collaboration between schools and youth work. For more information or to discuss how we can support your partnerships with youth work please get in touch with Marielle Bruce mbruce@youthlink.scot

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