

Youth Work Skills Track: A new digital tool for evidencing the skills young people develop through their involvement in youth work

YouthLink Scotland is recruiting organisations to take part in the next phase of testing and **Youth Work Skills Track**, a new digital tool designed to help young people and youth work organisations recognise, evidence and articulate the skills developed through participation in youth work.

Developed around the National Youth Work Outcomes and Skills Framework, Youth Work Skills Track supports the recording of individual skills development over time, combining youth worker observations, young people's reflections and other relevant evidence to build a more robust picture of individual progress.

We are seeking up to **100 youth work organisations** from across Scotland to help test the latest version of the tool between September and December 2026. Participation is designed to be light-touch and will include attending training, practical use of the tool within existing youth work activity and contributing feedback that will help shape future development. Full support will be available throughout the test period.

Alongside the wider testing programme, we are also recruiting up to **10 youth work organisations with established school partnerships** to test Youth Work Skills Track within youth work-school partnership settings. This strand of the programme will explore how the tool can support young people, youth workers and school staff to recognise, evidence and discuss the skills young people develop through participation in youth work. The learning generated will help us understand how Youth Work Skills Track works within educational contexts and how it can contribute to a wider evidence base about the role of youth work within Scotland's education system. Both opportunities form part of wider work to strengthen recognition of youth work as an essential part of Scotland's education ecosystem and build the evidence behind the message that **#EducationNeedsYouthWork**.

Register your interest: 29 June – 31 August 2026

Youth Work Skills Track demo sessions – for those who are interested but want to know more about the tool first- will run throughout the summer (dates and times to follow)

Testing and learning activities: September – December 2026

For further information or to express an interest, contact **Jane Dailly** at jdailly@youthlink.scot.