



YouthBank Golden Rules

Although local YouthBanks develop in a variety of ways to suit local needs, there are some principles of YouthBank that must be followed by all.

These are the 'YouthBank Golden Rules'.

1. YouthBank activity must be **young people led** – at local, regional and national levels. The role of adults in YouthBank is to support and advise young people.
2. YouthBank is **open to all young people**. We recognise that some young people may have barriers to overcome so they can get involved – we will do our best to include these young people in YouthBank activity.
3. YouthBank offers young people the opportunity to find out about each other's lives, cultures and experiences in a supportive environment. YouthBanks therefore must **respect the difference and talents** of all young people.
4. YouthBank activity **must be accountable**; monitoring and reporting on how and where money is spent.
5. YouthBanks should **communicate clearly**, using simple language (not jargon), to make sure young people have the greatest possible knowledge of YouthBank activity at all levels.
6. YouthBank activity must **add to the skills, knowledge and experience** of young people – using a range of training, new experiences and activity-based learning, gaining accreditation where possible.
7. YouthBanks need to make time to **learn from what they do** – to reflect on their activity at all levels and not be afraid to make changes to the way they operate.
8. YouthBanks need to **celebrate the achievements of young people**. YouthBank is a great way for young people to develop what they can do; we need to get this message across and have fun too!
9. YouthBanks must support young people to understand the YouthBank Scotland network, ensuring they are **aware of the local, regional and national progression opportunities** available.
10. YouthBank will work in partnership with other young people, groups or organisations where there are benefits for all to learn, develop and **advance a positive view of young people**.