
Report to Education, Sport and Leisure Committee

Date of Meeting: 20 June 2013

Subject: Recognising achievement through a local Young Scot programme

Report by: Head of Education

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee with information on the local Young Scot programme and how it links with Clacks Youth Timebank, accreditation.

2.0 Recommendations

The Education, Sport and Leisure Committee is asked to:

- 2.1. Note and comment on the local development and use of the national Young Scot reward scheme to recognise young people's achievement.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. Young Scot is the national youth information and citizenship charity. It provides young people, aged 11- 26, with a wide range of information, ideas and incentives to help them become confident, informed and active citizens. The information is provided in a variety of formats, including books, magazines, online and telephone. The aim of the information provided is to enable young people to:
- Make informed decisions and choices
 - Turn their ideas into action
 - Take advantage of the opportunities available to them in Scotland and the rest of Europe
 - Have the confidence and knowledge to take their place as active citizens in their communities - locally, nationally and globally.
- 3.2. There has been a 9% increase in the number of young people with a Young Scot the past 6 months. Currently there are 4,738 young people in Clackmannanshire holding a Young Scot card.

- 3.3. There have been 2971 hits on the local Young Scot web pages from April 2011- March 2012.
- 3.4. Young people can obtain a range of local discounts through their Young Scot card. The service has also worked with local driving instructors to agree a fixed cost for driving lessons to young people with a Young Scot card.
- 3.5. Young Scot champions programme has been developed in Alloa Academy and Lornshill Academy. The aim of the Young Scot champions is to develop youth information services within the school; promoting programmes both within the school and the wider community. All Young Scot champions have been signed up for the Clackmannanshire Youth Timebank.
- 3.6. Young Scot national reward scheme was launched in 2011. Clackmannanshire Council signed up to participate in the scheme in 2012. The scheme enables young people to national reward points for positive participation in programmes e.g. sports, leisure, community events, achieving accreditation, participating in consultations, focus groups and conferences.
- 3.7. Young people collect points for achieving accreditation through Dynamic Youth Awards, Youth Achievement Awards, Saltire Awards, Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Participative Democracy. ASDAN (Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network) short course accreditation will also lead to reward points.
- 3.8. Clackmannanshire Council's Youth Timebank was developed in 2006. More than 200 young people have had their volunteering recognised through the Youth Timebank. Time invested in volunteering can be converted to a range of rewards including social events, conferences and further learning opportunities.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. There are no additional sustainability implications.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. Financial Details

- 5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes
- 5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.4. Staffing

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

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| The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are safer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vulnerable people and families are supported | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Substance misuse and its effects are reduced | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The environment is protected and enhanced for all | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes No

9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none". NONE

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

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