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VISION STATEMENT

‘OUR VISION FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE IS OF A STRONG VIBRANT COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE, WORK, AND ATTAINMENT FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS’

We will achieve our vision and contribute to our community plan priorities through:

- Engaging with, listening to and responding to communities and individuals at all stages in the process.
- Targeting those most in need due to their personal, social, cultural or economic circumstances.
- Working in close partnership with each other and with communities.
- Promoting and sharing examples of best practice.
- Getting best value through sharing and pooling our resources.
- Publicising and marketing learning and development opportunities effectively.
- Creating a ‘learning culture’ which promotes the benefits of learning.
- Delivering high quality services which are evaluated regularly through ongoing self-evaluation and external inspection.
- Developing the CLD Partnership workforce
- Supporting individuals and communities to help them deal effectively with the challenges they face.
- Providing experiences for participants which will last a lifetime and lead them to become:
 - Successful learners
 - Confident individuals
 - Responsible citizens
 - Effective contributors

Strategic member organisations of the CLD Partnership include:

- North Lanarkshire Council
- Culture NL
- New College Lanarkshire
- Skills Development Scotland
- VANL
- JobCentre Plus
- Routes to Work
- NHS Lanarkshire

We also work with a number of local and national partners.



Contact 01236 812597 for a copy of the Partnership Strategy document or view it online at: www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk



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ESOL EMPLOYABILITY PILOT

CONGRATULATIONS TO GZOAN ABED ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HIS 4-WEEK WORK PLACEMENT IN THE TRYST CAFÉ, CUMBERNAULD. GZOAN WAS ONE OF 8 ESOL (ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES) LEARNERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN OUR RECENT ESOL EMPLOYABILITY PROJECT.

This 8-week project supported by the CLD Adult Learning Team and NLC was made possible by additional funding provided to support social inclusion and tackle inequalities.

The project provided 4 weeks of intensive English classes followed by 4 weeks of work experience which enabled learners to explore possible employment opportunities within North Lanarkshire Council while building their English skills.

The placements arranged and supported by the Facilities & Catering teams at North Lanarkshire Council were an excellent opportunity for our newest residents to experience work life culture in Scotland.

Gzoan said, 'I enjoyed this experience as the staff and manager were really helpful and friendly'



CLD PARENT VOICE



THE CLD PARENT VOICE IS A NEWLY ESTABLISHED GROUP THAT IS OPEN TO PARENT/CARERS WHO ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGING WITH CLD IN PARENTING OR FAMILY LEARNING PROGRAMME.

The aim of the group is to capture the feedback of parent/carer's and families and help inform the CLD service going forward. It was initially formed after some parents/carer's contributed and gave feedback on the CLD Family Learning and Parental Engagement 2020 - 2022.

Members met and decided that they would meet place 4 - 5 times a year and this would be a hybrid between meeting in person and online.

Although in its infancy, the group have engaged in group dialogue and provided feedback around preferred methods of engagement, ideas for Christmas learning bags for families working with CLD and participated in a workshop around the UNCRC (United Nations Charter of the Rights of the Child) and what that means for their child and their family.

To find out more information please contact: Emma Deans DeansE@northlan.gov.uk or Louise McLean McLeanL@northlan.gov.uk for more information.





KINSHIP CARERS FAMILY EVENT

MOTHERWELL CLD FAMILY LEARNING TEAM WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NURTURE SCOTLAND, BRAIDURST HIGH, ACTIVE & CREATIVE SERVICES, CARER'S TOGETHER AND SOCIAL WORK TO PROVIDE A FAMILY FUN DAY FOR KINSHIP CARER'S AND THEIR FAMILIES.

The family fun day took place during the Easter holiday's in the Braidhurst High Wellness Hub and launched a new kinship carers group "Wellness Kin-ect@

Braidhurst" in partnership with Nurture Scotland.

Over 60 people from Kinship families within Motherwell and Wishaw were able to participate in a variety of activities between 10 am and 2 pm. Community Learning & Development worked with families to create Easter crafts including bonnets, cards and baskets.

Families could also take part in a Easter egg hunt, Beat the Goalie, Circus Skills

and Pony Therapy. Kinship carer's were also able to find out information on carer's rights and benefits from Nurture Scotland and Carer's Together and receive relaxing therapies from The Health and Wellness Hub. It was a great partnership event that saw everyone leave with an Easter egg.

For more information on the new group please contact:
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PROSPECTS FOR PARENTS WITH ROUTES TO WORK

CONFIDENCE BRINGS OPPORTUNITY FOR CHELSEA

IT'S A BIG ENOUGH CHALLENGE TO BE A YOUNG SINGLE MOTHER TODAY WITHOUT THE EXTRA BURDEN OF KEEPING YOURSELF EMPLOYABLE IN THE JOB MARKET.

A client of Routes to Work - Chelsea MacDonald - found herself in exactly this position when she came to us struggling with mental health and low in confidence. After spending some time easing Chelsea into a better frame of mind, her case worker was able to advise on some positive coping strategies

which would help in her journey back into work, as part of the Prospects For Parents (PFP) initiative.

Her initial fear of change was hard to break. But with support, our team was able to take the small steps needed with her to join a peer group for parents online and open up to other like-minded people - something she now participates in regularly.

This prompted a further opportunity to support Chelsea in working on a fresh CV that reflected her skills and attributes, many of which could be transferable to a number of sectors. Her confidence growing daily, Chelsea's Routes to Work case worker then set about securing job

interviews for her. Though it was clear that she was initially reluctant at times to take the leap, we worked through her concerns and anxiety, and were able to source training that would help her gain certification virtually. As a result, she has been doing her Health & Safety, COSHH and her Food Hygiene in Catering.

Chelsea is now showing a different mindset, and is committed and ready with employment-related activities. Even Covid lockdowns didn't prevent her having over six interviews in two weeks, and she has since secured the Domestic Assistant role she really wanted.

Throughout this journey, with some tough love and lots of support, the Routes to Work team is delighted to see where it has taken Chelsea, who herself says:

"I'm so grateful for the help as I couldn't have done it without the support of everyone."

ROUTES TO WORK CELEBRATE 20,000 PEOPLE'S LIVES TRANSFORMED

ROUTES TO WORK HAVE ACHIEVED ANOTHER HUGE MILESTONE, SINCE 2003 WE HAVE HELPED TO SUPPORT THE TRANSFORMATION OF 20,000 NORTH LANARKSHIRE RESIDENTS LIVES AND PROGRESS THEM INTO EMPLOYMENT.

We are extremely proud of this achievement and intend to celebrate with our staff and key partners at an event which we will hold on Friday 17th June 2022 at New College Lanarkshire, 101 Park Street, Coatbridge.

We will be sharing our journey with guests and through a live stream where anyone can view and celebrate with us.

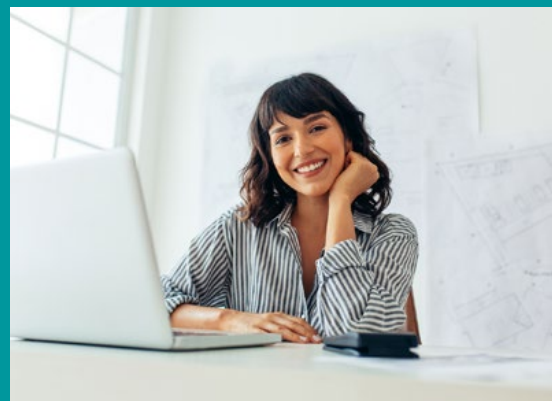
Find out more information at: www.rtw20kcelebration.co.uk.

Some of the quotes we have received from our partners, employers, staff and clients are testament to the work that we do at Routes To Work and want to share some of these with you.

Staff member Julie-Anne Murphy said "My favourite thing about working for Routes To Work is the lives that we change for the better"

Partner David Shaw from NL Food Bank said "Routes To Work are a light in the community of North Lanarkshire"

"The Routes To Work team were amazing and helped me get the skills to start my own business" - Allan McGrane, Former Client



TRANSFORMING LIVES IN AIRDRIE - AIRDRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

ROUTES TO WORK RECENTLY LAUNCHED THE AIRDRIE CENTRAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT, FUNDED BY THE UK COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND. THE UK COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND IS A UK GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2022.

This aims to support people and communities most in need across the UK to pilot programmes and new approaches to prepare for and inform the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. It invests in skills, community and place, local business, and supporting people into employment.

Our programme is pre-employability focused with an intense community engagement approach to support those unemployed, economically inactive or in insecure or unstable work in the Airdrie Central area (Whinhall, Coatdyke, Cairnhill, Rawyards, Town Centre and Gartlea).

The programme aims to reach those most in need in the heart of the community through concentrated, intense engagement offering pre-employability and personal development activities and innovative practice to support people into employment. The journey is unique to the client, is holistic and person centred and is paced dependent on the clients' specific needs and goals, utilising our progression tool model.

We have resourced our programme with Peer Mentors and Community Engagement Workers to reach residents in the community. Post COVID we understand that people have fears and increased anxiety so by engaging with people at a local and personal level we hope to encourage participants to join our supportive programme.

Our Peer Mentors were previously unemployed clients from the Airdrie area, therefore understand the difficulties for those residents we hope to support. Through their lived experience they can relate, inspire and offer hope to residents. The peer mentors and community engagement workers seek out eligible participants through approaching people in the neighbourhood, door stepping, attendance at organised community events, organise interest and hobby-based activities to engage people, and liaise with our frontline partners. We have organised events offering free lunches, child play, gym memberships and have upcoming anxiety and digital skills workshops.

Our community caseworkers conduct a holistic assessment looking at health, wellbeing, skills, finance & support network to form an individualised action plan. Through regular one-to-one appointments the caseworkers support clients to progress into their chosen destination of employment, education, training or volunteering.

Clients are provided with support to engage in hobbies and activities related to their interests and can access holistic therapies, wellbeing interventions, progression routeways, develop core and life skills, certification, digital skills, employability skills and industry specific accreditation.

We set up a pop-up market stall to engage with residents in the Airdrie Market and are working in outreach locations including Airdrie Library, Airdrie Leisure Centre, Cairnlea Parish Church, and Gartlea Community Centre so we can be easily accessible to residents.

We also work in collaboration with partners and business to support the residents of Airdrie and make a difference within the community.

If you would like to find out more about how we can work together please email jdavidson@routestowork.co.uk or call 07718884434.

RELAX KIDS FOR FAMILIES IN BELLSHILL

THE FAMILY LEARNING TEAM IN BELLSHILL TOOK UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE SOME OF THE FAMILIES WE WORK WITH ALONG TO A 6 WEEK RELAX KIDS PROGRAMME THAT AIMED TO PROMOTE FUN, CREATIVE, CALMING AND RELAXING ACTIVITIES THAT PARENTS COULD LEARN ABOUT AND TRY OUT AT HOME WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

We had a mix of ages take part and families from the Bellshill and Viewpark area attend and they all got along brilliantly. The group was held in the Joe McKay community centre. The tutor Helena was kind and encouraging towards the children who were feeling a bit shy at the start and by the end nobody wanted the programme to finish! Relax Kids has proven to be a programme that in a short space of time can really boost a child's confidence and for parents to see this has been invaluable. Some feedback we received about the course from parents

"Relax kids was an enjoyable experience it let my boys unwind and take part in some calming activities. For myself it gave me a

few ideas to do with my son when he is agitated. Both boys loved Helena (the tutor) and were sad when the group finished."

"I am a mum of 3 boys and 1 is on the ASD spectrum, we were invited along to relax kids where me and my boys were made to feel welcome by Helena. Although my son didn't take part in the exercises he enjoyed socialising with 1 other boy and loved making things. We as a family had a fantastic time with Helena and meeting new families."

We look forward to imbedding more of the Relax Kids principals in our work with families in the future as staff are now undertaking training in this programme.



LAUNCH OF NEW NORTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY LOTTERY

THE NEW NORTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY LOTTERY WAS LAUNCHED ON 3RD MAY, WITH TICKETS TO GO ON SALE AND THE FIRST WEEKLY DRAW TAKING PLACE ON 4TH JUNE.

The lottery has been set up by Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire to raise money for charities and good causes throughout North Lanarkshire - with over 40 signed up to date. Tickets will be available to buy online at www.nlcommunitylottery.co.uk/ at a cost of £1 each, and winners could scoop up to £25,000. Draws will take place every Saturday at 8pm.

The lucky winners will be informed by email and will have the money

transferred automatically into their bank account.

Maddy Halliday CEO of Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire said "We're delighted to be supporting this Community Lottery to raise funds for North Lanarkshire good causes. 60% of the money raised will go directly to good causes, with the rest covering prizes, running costs and VAT. It's a fantastic way for people to support a good cause



of their choice, whilst also getting the chance to win up to £25,000. If you buy tickets for the first draw, good luck and a big thank you for taking part."

Any charity or non-profit in North Lanarkshire can sign up to raise funds through the lottery including sports clubs, community groups and Parent Teacher Associations. Groups can sign up here: www.nlcommunitylottery.co.uk/good-causes

Note* VANL have decided to remove the North Lanarkshire Community Lottery organisation income threshold of £100,000 per annum to allow more not for profit organisations to fundraise through the lottery.

DISCOVERY ROUNDUP

THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST FOR MEMBERS OF DISCOVERY AWARD GROUPS, BUT MEMBERS OF THESE GROUPS HAVE BEEN HIT PARTICULARLY HARD AS DISCOVERERS HAVE TO BE OVER THE AGE OF 50 AND MANY WERE CONSIDERED IN THE VULNERABLE CATEGORY.

Some groups have not met until very recently and a few have still not got back together as some premises are restricting numbers and opening times. However, some have managed to continue with their awards.

December saw presentations of Silver awards made to two members of Coatbridge North Discovery Group, Ann Williams and Alexis Crichton. Ann and Alexis managed to complete all four sections of their Silver Award, Service in the Community, Hobby/Interest, Recreational Pursuit and Journey of Discovery.

Members of Discovery groups in the North joined in with a residential outing to Whithaugh Park Outdoor Centre in the Borders, which was organised by Community Learning and Development

Worker, Claire McLaren. Participants took part in Archery, Fencing, Abseiling, Swimming and Orienteering. Members thoroughly enjoyed the two days away and all members of the group helped out with the washing up!

Discovery Award Association (Scotland) AGM will be held this year on Saturday 14th May by zoom. The committee have arranged for a Guest Speaker who is Sam Leys, Development Manager, CFINE - Community Food Initiatives North East. After the AGM where office bearers will be elected there is going to be the presentation of the 1st Jean Fyfe Award. Jean Fyfe was a Discoverer many years ago in Dundee and she overcame great personal medical difficulties to complete all three levels of the Discovery Award, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Jean passed away a few years ago and her daughter

Karen Woodcock wanted to honour her mother in some way. She approached the Discovery Award Committee with the suggestion that an award should be made in her mother's name to a discoverer who likewise has overcome some difficulties and gone on to help others.

The Discovery Award Committee received nominations from all over Scotland and decided that the 1st awardee should be Robert McAllister from COLT's Discovery group in Motherwell. Robert since joining COLT's Discovery group has gone on to become a volunteer health walk leader and joins in with a number of walks each week. Robert supports others to improve their wellbeing both physical and mental.

For more information on the Discovery Award in North Lanarkshire please contact Anita Thompson on 07812 501884 or thompsona@northlan.gov.uk





2021/22 YOUTH GUARANTEE PROGRAMME COMES TO AN END

ON 31ST MARCH 2022, THE COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (CLD) YOUTH GUARANTEE PROGRAMME CAME TO AN END.

Eighteen young people aged between 16 and 24 years were employed for a year as CLD Assistant Support Workers with a remit to support CLD provision across the core functions of Adult Learning, Youth Work and Family Learning. This was a new, innovative programme involving the whole CLD Service. Each member of staff also had the opportunity to take part in a variety of training opportunities such as First Steps to Youth Work, First Step to Family Learning, Solihull and Autism Awareness training.

A celebration event was held in March to mark the end of the year and was attended by Des Murray, NLC Chief Executive and Liz Fergus, CLD Community Development and Resources Manager. Des had met the new recruits at the beginning of their journey and was delighted to attend the celebration event and acknowledge the progress made in each of the ASW's journey in terms of skills developed and confidence gained throughout their employment with NLC.

Most of the Assistant Support Workers have moved into employment, further or higher education and have used their years paid work experience as a platform for gaining the essential working skills necessary to sustain employment in an area of their choice. Staff have been successful in gaining employment positions including North Lanarkshire Council, Greggs and Motherwell Football Trust as well as well as four gaining a place to study Community Education at the University of the West of Scotland.

An evaluation day was held, and information gathered from the day has been very helpful to inform how this programme will run again in 2022/2023. Funding has been approved from the Scottish Government's Young Person's Guarantee. Each of the 18 Assistant Support Workers have said they would recommend the programme to others and that it exceeded their expectations.

For any further information on the upcoming NLC's Young Person's Guarantee Programme please contact Marita Nicol, CLD Development Officer nicolm@northlan.gov.uk 07812 501881

FUTURE FRIDAYS ADVENTURE!

FUTURE FRIDAYS BRONZE DofE GROUP, BASED IN GARRELL VALE CEC, KILSYTH STARTED THE RECENT EASTER BREAK BY UNDERTAKING THEIR DOFE BRONZE PRACTICE EXPEDITION.

The group canoed off for their 2-day expedition from Luss Bay on the banks of Loch Lomond, circumnavigating their way around the islands of Inchconnachan, Inchcruin & Inchmoan - As well as putting their canoeing and expedition training into practice, participants also had the opportunity bond together

as a group and practice their campcraft skills. The group have recently completed their Skills section of the award with some group members enhancing and developing their musical talents whilst others have been preparing and cooking dishes from around the world.

All group members are currently undertaking their Physical & Volunteering sections, with full awards being completed and presented by June/July 2022.

For further information contact Robert Sloan, CLD Worker. sloanr@northlan.gov.uk



CLD YOUTH WORK AND FIRE REACH

AS PART OF THE SPRING HOLIDAY YOUTH WORK OFFER, TWO GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRE REACH COURSE AT COATBRIDGE FIRE STATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE WHICH WAS PART OF THE RE-LAUNCH OF THE FIRE REACH COURSE.

The first group was made up of Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and North Lanarkshire Youth Council with the second group made up of young people from Wishaw & Shotts Youth Work Team and NLC Children's Houses.

The young people were supported each day to attend by a member of the CLD Development Officer team who also provided the opportunity for the young people to gain a Dynamic Youth Award.

The course takes the young people on a journey to experience the work of Fire Fighters in their communities and how the actions of the public impact the working day of Fire Fighters. The young people completed modules on a variety of subjects including communication, Road Traffic Collisions, the impact of Anti-Social Behaviour, basic house fire safety and life support techniques.



Each day the young people had the opportunity to reflect on the skills they had learned and the activities they participated in. The practical activities ensured the young people remained engaged and this met the learning needs of the individual young people.

The activities around the Road Traffic Collisions used VR headsets where the young people were in the passenger seat of a car involved in an accident.

They got to experience what happens and how the emergency services involved all work together to assess the situation, come up with a dynamic action plan and strive to get the best outcome for everyone involved in the accident.

There were also videos shown with a focus on younger drivers and accidents and how the accident does not only effect those directly involved but also their families and friends.

When learning life saving techniques the young people were all able to

demonstrate placing someone in the recovery position, CPR and using a Defibrillator.

The anti-social behaviour sessions looked at fire raising in the communities and how what people may class as a harmful fire or a bit of fun can quickly become a tragedy for other people.

The young people completed the course gaining new skills and knowledge and three awards, Fireskills Employability Award, Emergency First Aid and Dynamic Youth Awards.

On the last day of each course the young people take part in a passing out and presentation event where they can invite along family members, friends and/or staff they work with to show off all the skills they have learned that week. Young people could tell the guests about all the important skills they learned and reflect on the activities they took part in and share their knowledge with others.



A GOLDEN SUCCESS!

TWELVE GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH (DofE) AWARD PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED THEIR GOLD DOFE RESIDENTIAL SECTION IN DOUNANS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE FROM 11TH TO 15TH APRIL 2022.

This is the first time a North Lanarkshire wide DofE residential was organised since the pandemic. During the course of a week, young people took part in various activities, such as orienteering, canoeing, archery, tree climbing, problem solving and planned their Gold DofE expeditions.

It is a great opportunity for young people to meet new people, form friendships and work together as a team. They have now planned their Gold DofE expedition in June and August. One of the young people Emma commented on how the week has helped her: "I have never thought that I would be able to climb the trees and jump into the cold water after the canoeing! Meeting Chloe has helped me to overcome my fears and we now look after each other. I look forward to be going on the Gold expedition with Chloe."



WISHAW & SHOTTS OPEN DofE GROUP EXPEDITIONS EASTER 2022

WE HAD A BUSY TIME OVER THE EASTER BREAK FACILITATING BRONZE AND SILVER LEVEL AWARDS FOR OUR OPEN DUKE OF EDINBURGH GROUPS.

The expedition training had been taking place for a few months prior in Calderhead, St Aidan's and Clyde Valley High Schools as part of our future Friday offer.

We also had a number of other young people from the Girls Brigade, Scouts, the Children's house in Airdrie and participants from Motherwell who are also part of our open group.

There was a total of 27 bronze and 14 silver participants who successfully completed their expeditions over the two-week Easter break. A huge well done to all the participants and everyone involved with the planning and supervision.



YOUTH WORK OFFERING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO YOUNG PEOPLE

THE YOUTH WORK TEAM PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL POOL LIFEGUARD QUALIFICATION IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS PART OF THE WIDER AWARDS AND ACCREDITATION SCHEME.

Five young men applied for the course, took part and successfully gained the qualification. The pool test criteria was:

- Be 16+ years of age on the date of assessment
- Jump / dive into deep water

- Swim 50 metres in no more than 60 seconds
- Swim 100 metres continuously on front and 100m continuously on back
- In deep water, tread water for 30 seconds
- Surface dive to the floor of the pool

Climb out of the pool unaided without using a ladder / steps where the pool design permits

We are pleased to share that 3/5 of the young people have successfully gained employment in their local swimming pools!



GÀIDHLIG ANN AN SIORRACHD LANNRAIG A TUATH

THA AN SGIоба NLC GÀIDHLIG AIR A BHITH GU MATH TRANG SAN TEIRM MU DHEIREADH.

'S e Eòghann Dickson, Scott MacDhòmhnail, agus Ceitidh Lafuente na luchd-oidheachaidh a th' againnse san sgioba. Thòisich sinn ag ionnsachadh a' chùrsa ùr Speak Gaelic do ar n-oileanaich aig a bheil pod-chraolaidhean, prògraman tbh air BBC Alba is Youtube, agus goireasan eile am pailteas. Tha na h-oileanaich air a bhith ag ionnsachadh abairtean agus briathrachas feumail agus a' cleachdadh na dh'ionnsaich iad ann an còmhraidhean agus geamannan. Tha e gu math follaiseach gu bheil na h-oileanaich air a bhith dicheallach agus ag obair gu math cruaidh an teirm seo oir tha Gàidhlig bhrèagha aca aig uaireannan.

Tha sinn air ar glàn dhòigh gun do chuir sinn air bhog am film ùr Why Gaelic. Chaidh am film a dhèanamh a bhith a' brosnachadh cleachdadh na Gàidhlig ann am foghlam agus anns a' choimhearsnachd. Bha mòran daoine an sàs anns a' phròiseact seo agus tha sinn fada nan comain. Ar taing do Bhòrd na Gàidhlig airson an taic.

Ghabh sinne, Bun-Sgoil Chondorrat agus Comann nam Pàrant Lannraig a Tuath agus buidhnean eile pàirt anns a' chiad sheachdain eadar-nàiseanta na Gàidhlig sa Mhàirt. Dh'aithnich sinn gun robh torr san sgìre a' bruidhinn agus a' cleachdadh na Gàidhlig ann an dòighean eadar-dhealaichte. Bha seiseanan iomaine, cuirm ciùil, agus tachartasan eile ann, uile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig.

Tha sinn aig sgioba NLC Gaelic ag iarraidh air daoine a bhith a' bruidhinn na Gàidhlig, no a' feuchainn a bhith ga bruidhinn co-dhiù. Ri linn sin, tha sinn an dòchas gun robh an obair a rinn sinn an teirm seo chaidh a' brosnachadh daoine, co-dhiù a tha Gàidhlig aca no nach eil, a bhith a' tighinn gu tachartasan Gàidhlig, a' lorg clas Gàidhlig, no a' faighinn misneachd a bhith a' còmhradh ri cuideigin tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig.

Nach lean sibh sibh duilleagan Facebook is Twitter a bhith a' faighinn an naidheachd as ùire mu dheidhinn clasaichean agus tachartasan Gàidhlig ann an Lannraig a Tuath?

GAEELIC IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

NLC GAELIC HAS BEEN VERY BUSY THIS LAST TERM.

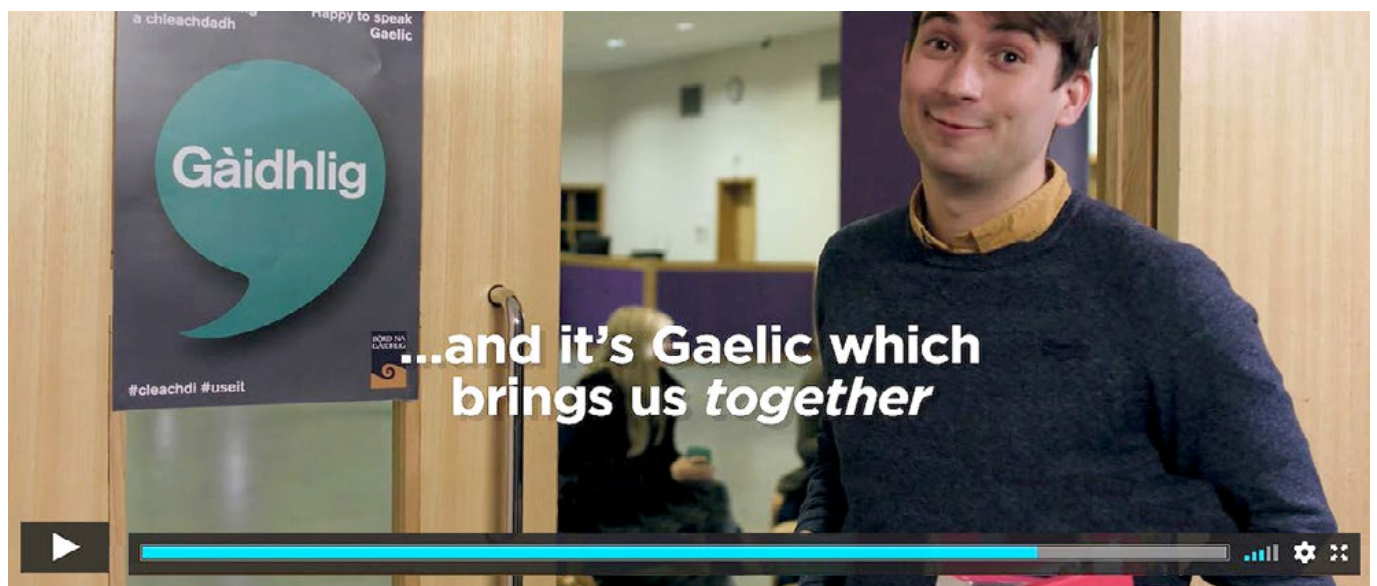
Our Gaelic tutors are Euan Dickson, Scott MacDonald and Katie Lafuente. We started teaching our students a new course called Speak Gaelic which has a podcast, tv programmes on BBC Alba and Youtube, and other resources. The students have been learning useful phrases and vocabulary and using what they've learned in conversations and games. It is apparent to us that all the students were very enthusiastic and worked very hard as they've been saying such lovely Gaelic at times.

We are delighted to have released a new film Why Gaelic in this last term. The film was made to encourage people to use and learn Gaelic in education or within the community. There are so many people to thank who helped put this film together, but we would like to offer a special thanks to Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

Alongside Condorrat Primary School and Comann nam Pàrant North Lanarkshire, we took part in the first International Gaelic Week in March. There were so many people across North Lanarkshire who spoke and used Gaelic in lots of interesting and different ways. There were shinty sessions, a concert and other events, all conducted through Gaelic.

At the NLC Gaelic team, we have aimed to encourage people to speak, or try to speak, Gaelic. Therefore, we hope that all we have done this last term has encouraged people, whether they speak Gaelic or not, to come to Gaelic events, to look for Gaelic language classes, or find the confidence to have a conversation with someone in Gaelic.

If you're interested in finding out about the latest Gaelic classes and news about events and other activities happening through Gaelic in North Lanarkshire, please follow our Facebook pages @NLCGaelic and Twitter pages @NLCGaelic and watch the short film 'Why Gaelic' about Gaelic learning here vimeo.com/656539086



NL LIBRARIES



Look out too for more 'New Tricks' sessions popping up all over our Library service in the coming months – there'll be one near you soon! Why not join in and see what 'New Tricks' you can learn too?



New Tricks!

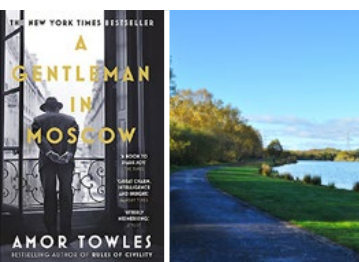
This May - June North Lanarkshire Libraries are delighted to once again be hosting another packed programme of our hugely-popular 'New Tricks' sessions for adults and older people.

To be held once again in Airdrie Library, our 'New Tricks' events see a wide range of high-quality cultural taster activities, curated and programmed by Library staff and partners, all aimed at encouraging participants to try something new and out of the ordinary! Previous sessions have included

everything from craft activities, movie afternoons, singalongs and bibliotherapy to digital engagement, choir taster sessions, retro games days and gentle movement classes.

What's more, each 'New Tricks' session features afternoon tea for all participants, helping to foster, develop and build real community spirit, with our Libraries and their services at its core.

Each session, including tea, is free and new members are very welcome indeed! Sessions take place at Airdrie Library each Tuesday, at 2pm, from Tuesday 24th May up to and including Tuesday 28th June.



Rambling Readers

The next meeting of our Libraries' brilliant 'Rambling Readers Walking Book Group' takes place on Wednesday 18th May, this time in Drumpellier Country Park. 'Rambling Readers' combines all the fun and stimulating discussion of a traditional book group, with the wonderful fresh air & stunning scenery of North Lanarkshire!

Helps to get those steps in too! Previous meetings have seen us discuss the works of Ambrose Parry and Christopher Brookmyre, whilst rambling around the grounds of Summerlee Museum, and our upcoming May meeting will see the Group striding around Drumpellier whilst debating Amor Towles' highly rated novel 'A Gentleman in Moscow' and all things book-related.

Interested in getting involved and getting out there? Email feeneya@northlan.gov.uk for more details or just pop along on the day – the ramble will commence at 2.00pm from the Park's café. Hope to see you there!

AIRDRIE AND THE NORTH MENSPLACE PROJECT

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT AIRDRIE AND THE NORTH MENSPLACE PROJECT PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

The group invited Motherwell Menspace to join them on the 29th March to show both of their arts projects, achieved by working in partnership with North Lanarkshire's Active and Creative Communities.

Motherwell Menspace showed the animation film that they had been working on which was the first time they had viewed it on a larger cinema screen in Airdrie town hall.

The others had enjoyed creative writing workshops writing their story, various poems and a song about being men. Followed on by a Music and Drumming workshop where a soundtrack was recorded to the song.

The group then participated in Drama workshops over 9 sessions writing a play around their song 'What's a Man Now?' by The Company. The men worked hard to put everything together for a spectacular, very emotional performance of their drama, poems and song to friends, family, OT and CLD Support.

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SECOND CHANCE ECO SHOP LAUNCHED BY READY FOR RETAIL STUDENTS

NCL LEARNERS SET UP WEEKLY STORE AT CUMBERNAULD CAMPUS

New College Lanarkshire students have launched an Eco Shop to give new life to pre-loved goods. Ready for Retail students will operate the weekly 'Second Chance Eco Shop' in the ground floor atrium of the Cumbernauld Campus.

NCL's Principal and Chief Executive Professor Christopher Moore joined students from the course to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of their sustainability enterprise.

The shop builds on the principles being taught in class through avoiding waste and reducing the impact on climate change. Profits from the shop will be donated to the students' chosen charity, Friends of the Earth Scotland.

Professor Christopher Moore said: "I would like to commend the students on the Ready for Retail course for their inspired idea for an Eco Shop.

"They have identified that the world needs us to be much more caring and much more considerate about what we do with product.

"They are setting a really important example, not just to our Cumbernauld Campus, but to the whole of New College Lanarkshire and to the wider community. I am very proud of everyone who has been involved in this idea and bringing it to life."

Offering a selection of clothes, books, DVDs, CDs, video and board games, the Second Chance Eco Shop will be open on Tuesdays, from 9.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-2pm.

Jenny Clark, a Lecturer in the College's Supported Learning department, added: "Our students are very passionate about the values of COP26 and what they can do to save our planet, use less energy and reuse what we have.

"It has been a pleasure working with the students to get the shop up and running. They are so passionate about the eco message we are sending out and have taken on the task with great enthusiasm.

"The success is testament to their hard work and commitment. I'm incredibly proud to teach them."

Furthermore, Ready for Retail students at NCL's Motherwell Campus are also set to open a shop, 'The Braw Wee Shop', on Friday 18th March. Operating in partnership with Young Enterprise Scotland, it will sell a range of refreshments every Friday (10am-2.30pm) in room 1024 on the first floor of the main campus building.

For more information on the Supported Learning programmes at New College Lanarkshire, please visit www.nclanarkshire.ac.uk/courses/supported-learning or call 0300 555 8080.



YOUTH CLIMATE AMBASSADORS



PLANTING TREES AND VEGETARIAN COOKERY ARE JUST SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT THE CLIMATE AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN UP TO IN RECENT MONTHS.

Determined to nurture local biodiversity and support carbon capture, members of the group teamed up with the Country Parks division to plant a new area of trees and shrubbery in Bellshill. At the edge of Strathclyde Park, this area will form a new gateway into the park.

The group learned about some tree planting techniques, and helped to coin a new name for their favourite method - the hashtag technique! We can't wait to visit the site and see how the saplings are developing.

Meat consumption is known to be harmful to the environment due to the amount of methane gases released by livestock and the amount of land needed to farm.

The impact of livestock on emissions varies between countries, but globally, the UN estimates it makes up more than 14% of

all man-made greenhouse gases, including methane. With this in mind, the climate ambassadors were keen to explore vegetarian cooking, to demonstrate that meat-free meals could be both delicious and healthy, while also being kinder to the planet.

With the help of Windmills café in Motherwell, they enjoyed a cooking demonstration with the chef, then sat down to taste test two dishes; sweet potato curry and Arrabiata pasta, washed down with green goddess smoothies.

Everyone enjoyed the session and will continue to raise awareness of planet-friendly food.

Follow them on Twitter [@Climate_nl](#)



YOUTH VOICE IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC, THE VOICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUED TO BE A PRIORITY HERE IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE ACROSS MANY DIFFERENT PLATFORMS.

As we began recovering from Covid, it was proposed to further enhance youth voice within youth work by creating a refreshed youth voice infrastructure for North Lanarkshire that is fit for purpose, sector-leading and inclusive for all young people in North Lanarkshire.

The new structure for youth voice in North Lanarkshire has nine town-based youth voice groups to coincide with the nine town boards model. The groups are supported and facilitated by CLD youth work staff members from the localities and although each youth voice group is structured similar and will work to a training and action plan-based model, they are representative and lead by individual community priorities.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL (NLYC)

NLYC is the Voice of Young People of North Lanarkshire and is made up of nine democratically elected Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and 18 young people from each of the nine local youth voice groups.

NLYC meets on a fortnightly basis where representatives for each of the local youth voice groups and MSYPs provide an update on successes and issues coming from the local areas. In addition, the group then plan and act on key tasks, creating action plans and evaluating projects.

The membership of this group changes every 2 years. We currently have a new group who, over the next few months will be working on team building and planning and looking at how they can engage as many young people as possible in youth voice activities.

FUTURE NL

This year a new platform for young people and elected members to work together has been created. Future NL is made up of Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament, Young People representing the 9 Youth Voice Groups and Elected Members from a Cross Party Representation.

The purpose of this group is to discuss and action issues that have been raised by young people through the youth voice groups or that have come through committee structures in a relevant and appropriate context. The aim of the group is to be a voice for young people in North Lanarkshire and represent the views of young people and encourage them to create opportunities around issues that matter to them and their communities.

WEST PARTNERSHIP

The West Partnership brings together 8 local authorities in the west of Scotland to collectively enhance and support education improvement. The eight authorities are: East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire, and West Dunbartonshire. It is one of the 6 regional collaboratives that have been set up across Scotland to support collaboration across local authorities.

Each local authority nominated two of their Youth Forum representatives as Youth Ambassadors to the West Partnership. This was to provide a more regular, ongoing connection with the West Partnership to share the experiences, expertise, and views of young people. Representatives for North Lanarkshire are Ash McGuire, MSYP for Uddingston and Bellshill and Shafa Waqas, MSYP for Cumbernauld and Kilsyth

EDUCATION REFERENCE FORUM

During the pandemic an Education Reference forum was set up to meet with Derek Brown, Executive Director of Education and Families for North Lanarkshire council. These meetings were very good for young people to share their views, thoughts and feelings about learning and teaching during the COVID recovery.

Since then, this group has grown and continues to meet with Derek and other senior managers on a regular basis. Supported by CLD and School staff, this group provides the council with invaluable feedback in relation to young people's experiences both in school and out of school as well as acting as a sounding board in relation to future planning.

The North Lanarkshire Youth Council



MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT



The Scottish Youth Parliament is a youth-led and rights-based organisation that is passionate about making young people aware of their rights and ensuring that local and national governments uphold their rights.

They are committed to being truly inclusive and work tirelessly to ensure policymakers and politicians hear the voices of young people from every community and background in Scotland whilst staying independent from all political parties.

Below: Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament

You can learn more about the Scottish Youth Parliament at <https://syp.org.uk/>

Here in North Lanarkshire, we have 9 MSYPs that represent the views of local young people:

Airdrie and Shotts: Kayla Gardner and Phoenix Lynn

Coatbridge and Chryston: Dean Collins and Anna Porteous

Cumbernauld and Kilsyth: Emma Prach and Shafa Waqas

Motherwell and Wishaw: Malaikah Ahmed and Lucy Smith

Uddingston and Bellshill: Ash McGuire

Three times a year, MSYPs from across the country come together at SYP Sittings to propose, discuss, and vote on policy that SYP (if passed) will adopt and work to make a reality in Scotland. They are also an opportunity for MSYPs to develop new skills at workshops and to share thoughts and ideas in informal and formal spaces.



FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

SINCE THE UNDER 22S FREE BUS TRAVEL SCHEME LAUNCHED IN JANUARY, OVER 15,000 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE HAVE APPLIED FOR THEIR CARD.

At the time of writing, more than 6.5 million free bus journeys had been made across Scotland. There are various routes to apply, both online and offline, and these are detailed in a brand-new website: www.freebus.scot

We are keen to support families and young people to apply for their card so they can benefit from the scheme. Anyone having issues with their application is urged to contact the helpful

local teams via email: youngscot@northlan.gov.uk (for ages 11+) and nec@northlan.gov.uk (for ages 5-10).

For 11–22-year-olds, their free bus travel will be embedded into a Young Scot National Entitlement card, which comes with additional benefits such as discounts, membership, rewards and proof of age, so don't delay, apply for your card today!

Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme

How it works | How to apply | Where it takes you | Staying safe

Free Yourself

If you are under 22 years old and living in Scotland, you are eligible for free nationwide bus travel. Apply now.

NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE HOSTS INAUGURAL APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

16 APPRENTICES AND EMPLOYERS HONOURED DURING SCOTTISH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2022

New College Lanarkshire has honoured the individuals and businesses making apprenticeships work at its first NCL Apprenticeship Awards ceremony.

Staged as part of Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2022, eight Modern Apprentices and eight local employers received trophies in recognition of excelling in the course of their training or their support for apprenticeship programmes.

New College Lanarkshire currently supports around 200 businesses in and around Lanarkshire with the training of almost 450 apprentices.

The NCL Apprenticeship Awards took place at the College's Hamilton Campus, which has been designated NCL's dedicated centre for professional and work-based learning. Supporting employers across Lanarkshire to invest in their workforce, it will be a learning environment dedicated to the upskilling and reskilling of employees to support economic recovery and business growth.

The awards were hosted by Professor Christopher Moore, Principal and Chief Executive of NCL, who said: "This ceremony is a really important day for us – it's a highlight of all of the hard work of our apprentices, our staff and the employers with whom we have established successful partnerships.

"Apprenticeships are based on goodwill, collaboration, kindness and support – that whole idea of one generation supporting and shaping the next generation.

"I'm hugely grateful and proud of the staff we have in the College, who continue to work with industry and are constantly updating their skills to bring that back into the classroom.

"Congratulations to all of you who are here and, to my mind, every apprentice who completed their programmes is a winner in the context of what they've had to face. You are our bright future. You demonstrate all that the College is about."

A staff representative from each department was invited to announce the winners of the awards. They were:

AUTOMOTIVE STUDIES (presented by Andy Murray, Head of Automotive Studies)

- Apprentice of the Year: Graham Lamport
- Employer of the Year: E Hay & Sons - Rod Emerson

BUSINESS STUDIES (presented by Sandra Reid, Academic Leader in the Lanarkshire Business School)

- Apprentice of the Year: Faith Kelly
- Employer of the Year: North Lanarkshire Council - Carmen Girvan

COMPUTING & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES (presented by Charlie Johnstone, Head of Computing & Digital Technologies)

- Apprentice of the Year: Adam Reilly
- Employer of the Year: Saltire Facilities Management - Ally Blyth

ELECTRONIC FIRE & SECURITY SYSTEMS (presented by John McCusker, Head of Construction Trades & Technology)

- Apprentice of the Year: Thomas Docherty
- Employer of the Year: Johnson Controls - Colin Simpson

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN SPORT (presented by Jill Weatherill, Associate Dean for Divisional Development)

- Apprentice of the Year: Lawton Green
- Employer of the Year: Motherwell Football Club - Steven Hammell



DENTAL NURSING (presented by Lynn Orr, Head of Dental, Health & Social Care)

- Apprentice of the Year: Nicola Dunlop
- Employer of the Year: Biggar Dental Practice - Lianne Rooney

HEALTHCARE (presented by Lynn Orr, Head of Dental, Health & Social Care)

- Apprentice of the Year: Christopher Kelly
- Employer of the Year: NHS Lanarkshire - Marion Malone



ENGINEERING (presented by Barry Skea, Head of the Lanarkshire Institute of Science & Technology)

- Apprentice of the Year: Alan Murdoch
- Employer of the Year: Melton Plastics - Susanna Bucsi.

The ceremony drew to a close with a vote of thanks from Ronnie Smith, Chair of the Lanarkshire Board, and a video message from Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Higher Education and Further Education, Youth Employment and Training.

Jamie Hepburn MSP said: "I am delighted to have the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the finalists, and would like to thank New College Lanarkshire for inviting me to join with you.

"Apprenticeships are a key part of our education and skills system in Scotland and I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of them in what has been a very challenging last couple of years.

"We have seen awards presented to apprentices and employers from across the New College Lanarkshire family. All of the award winners have clearly demonstrated the benefits apprenticeships can bring for employers and individuals, and shown exactly why apprenticeships will be a key part of our recovery and renewal through workforce development.

"I'd personally like to congratulate all of the award winners and wish all of the apprentices every success in their future careers. This is a fantastic achievement and they should be thoroughly proud of themselves."

New College Lanarkshire is the largest provider of apprenticeship training in Electronic Fire & Securities Systems in Scotland, in addition to providing Modern Apprenticeships in Automotive Maintenance and Repair, Business Administration, Computing, Dental Nursing, Healthcare, and Achieving Excellence in Sport.

Moreover, the College also works in partnership with CITB (Construction Industry Training Board) to deliver training for 105 Construction & Joinery apprentices, and a further 239 Electrical Installation apprentices with SECTT (Scottish Electrical Charitable Training Trust).

Ronnie Smith, Chair of the Lanarkshire Board, said: "It has been an honour to attend this event after a difficult two years for students, staff and employers.

"I'm from a SME background, so I really like to see employers coming along to events like this. Well done to employers for supporting this particular initiative for Scottish Apprenticeship Week.

"You've shown not only a commitment, but a far-sightedness that I think will serve your companies well as we go forward; taking young people along with you who are the future of your business.

"It's fantastic to see our apprentices here and we hope to see you back at the College in the future, whether for your own benefit or to pass on your skills, knowledge and experience to those who are following behind you."

For more information on New College Lanarkshire's range of apprenticeships, please visit www.nclanarkshire.ac.uk/business-support/apprenticeships or call 0300 555 8080.

ACTIVE NL SUMMER CAMPS

A variety of summer camps are available from Active NL, and booking is open now.

Camps available:

- FOOTBALL SUMMER CAMP
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- BMX SUMMER CAMP

Check out the website for more info: [SummerCamps activenl.co.uk](http://SummerCamps.activenl.co.uk)



NORTH COMMUNITY LEARNING & EMPLOYABILITY HUB



**Are you aged 16-24? Not in education, training, or employment?
Want to boost your employability and career confidence?**

The North Community Learning & Employability Hub engages with various agencies and partners to deliver a bespoke program for ages 16 -24yrs.

The Aim is to support young people to overcome barriers, feel more confident and achieve qualifications.

You will build on your skills and gain new ones that will enable you to progress to your next goal of college, training, or employment.

Day	Session	Brief Description
Monday Morning	Home Task	You will be given work to complete at home, this is connected to another session
Monday Afternoon	Cooking Sessions - SQA Food, Health, and Wellbeing	Cooking ingredients will all be delivered to your home, to allow you to take part in cooking. There are qualifications attached to this session.
Tuesday Morning	SQA Employability	You will be given a workbook, that is worked through examining current skills and previous learning you have, then build on those with the aim to build stronger communication skills and gain relevant skills for employability. You will complete a CV, Practice applications and interviews
Tuesday Afternoon	Routes To Work	Brushing up on work skills, searching employment opportunities, training opportunities. You will also be given a Key Worker from RTW who may be able to facilitate various qualifications required to move you into employment.
Wednesday	Outdoor Education John Muir, Climbing Award, Canoeing Award	You will participate in climbing, teambuilding, canoeing, raft building, hill walking as well as individual target-based awards
Thursday Morning	Home Task	You will be given work to complete at home, this is connected to another session
Thursday Afternoon	Reel Time Music and Movie Making	Learning to play and instrument, also making a small movie clip, behind the scenes, story boarding with focusing on building self-confidence while learning new skills.
Friday Morning	Street Cones	Builds your confidence while looking at issues that effect young people. This session is based around gaining new skills as well as developing current ones

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