

To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities

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Report by:
Chief Executive, Engage Renfrewshire

TITLE:
Year of Young People

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Executive Group considered at its meeting in March 2018 a presentation on the Year of Young People 2018 (#YOYP2018).
- 1.2 The Executive Group decided at the meeting that each partner organisation identify a Champion within their own organisation for the Year of Young People and to collate information about this activity. As the representatives of third sector action within Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership it is proposed that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities also nominate a champion in order to celebrate the contribution of young people to the third sector and vice versa.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities:
 - (a) Nominate as a representative of the Forum a Champion for young people to contribute to further activity taking forward the Year of Young People.
 - (b) Agree that members of the Forum provide information to the nominated Champion on activities taking place within their organisations to celebrate the Year of Young People.
 - (c) Agree that members of the Forum provide information to the Champion on how young people are listened to within their organisation, including arrangements for young people to be Board members.
 - (d) Agree to ask the wider third sector in Renfrewshire how they are celebrating the Year of Young People and collate this information to be included within the overall activity of partners within Renfrewshire.

3. Background

- 3.1 2018 has been designated by the Scottish Government as Year of Young People in Scotland. The Scottish Government commissioned in 2015 Children In Scotland, Scottish Youth Parliament and Young Scot to engage with young people to co-design the Year of Young People (#YOYP2018).
- 3.2 The Year of Young People is an opportunity for generations to come together and celebrate our nation's young people.
- 3.3 The objectives of the Year of Young People are to:
- Provide a platform for young people to have their views heard and acted upon.
 - Showcase the amazing talents of young people through events and media.
 - Develop better understanding, co-operation and respect between generations.
 - Recognise the impact of teachers, youth workers and other supporting adults on young people's lives.
 - Provide opportunities for young people to express themselves through culture, sport and other activities.
- 3.4 The Year of Young People 2018 has six themes:
- Culture – share and celebrate young people's talent and contribution to culture and arts.
 - Education – allow young people to have more say in their education and learning.
 - Enterprise and Regeneration – celebrate young people's role in innovation, entrepreneurship and the Scottish economy as well as making Scotland a greener and more pleasant place to live.
 - Equality and Discrimination – recognise the positive impact of young people in Scotland and encourage them to take the lead in challenging all forms of prejudice and discrimination.
 - Health and Wellbeing – make sure young people have the chance to lead healthy, active lives and understand the importance of mental health and resilience.
 - Participation – give young people the chance to influence decisions that affect their lives

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