



year of young people
bliadhna na h-òigridh
2018

Co-design Blueprint



**Children
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every child - every childhood



So, what was it all about?

The Year of Young People 2018 aimed to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.

The Year of Young People:

- » Provided a platform for young people to have their views heard and acted upon
- » Showcased the amazing talents of young people through events and media
- » Developed better understanding, co-operation and respect between generations
- » Recognised the impact of teachers, youth workers and other supporting adults on young people's lives
- » Provided opportunities for young people to express themselves through culture, sport and other activities.

To ensure:

- » Young people have a greater say in decisions that affect their lives
- » Improved public perception of young people
- » More opportunities for intergenerational work and conversations
- » Young people have more opportunities to take part in positive activities and experiences

The Scottish Government wanted to ensure young people remained at the centre of the planning process for the Year of Young People 2018, working with partners across sectors to realise the vision for the year. Children in Scotland, the Scottish Youth Parliament and Young Scot worked in partnership to ensure that this vision was realised.

Year of Young People 2018 Themes

The six themes were developed by the Interim Planning Group via a series of discussion day events which took place in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Perth as well as one national event in Edinburgh.

- » **Participation** – looking at how young people can influence public services and decisions which affect their lives
- » **Education** – creating a stronger role for young people in shaping their learning
- » **Health and Wellbeing** – supporting young people to lead healthier, active lives and have opportunities to learn about and improve their mental health and resilience
- » **Equality and Discrimination** – broadcasting the value of young Scots, challenging negative perceptions of young people, and supporting young people to take leading roles in challenging discrimination in all its forms

- » **Enterprise and Regeneration** – celebrating young people’s role in innovation, entrepreneurship and the Scottish economy as well as making Scotland a greener and more pleasant place to live
- » **Culture** –celebrating young people’s talent and contribution to Scottish culture and arts.



What is co-design?

Co-creating, co-designing, co-producing and co-delivering Year of Young People 2018 with young people.

Co-design is about involving young people much earlier in decision making processes through a highly participative approach, developing informed insights, ideas, recommendations and solutions for policy and practice. Co-design is about much more than basic consultation; it seeks to engage young people with shared power and resources. Young Scot, Children in Scotland and the Scottish Youth Parliament supported a range of organisations to co-design contributions to Year of Young People 2018, ensuring that young people were viewed and treated as equal partners in the planning and organisation of events and activities.

For more information on co-design, please visit youngscot.net or coproductionscotland.org.uk.



A Year of Young People 2018 Co-design Blueprint for organisations

The following guidelines were co-designed by young people in December 2016. They set out the ethos and environment that young people hope organisations will work with them to create for their own events and activities for Year of Young People 2018.

Young people are defined for the purposes of this document as anyone aged 8 to 26 years old.

- » Young people must be viewed and treated as integral partners in the planning and organisation of YoYP 2018 events and activities, including key milestone decisions
- » Wherever possible, organisations should provide opportunities in their YoYP 2018 events and activities for young people to take the lead, improve their skills and increase their confidence
- » Partners should ensure the four main outcomes (see page one) recommended by the YoYP 2018 Interim Planning Group are met; events and activities should seek to achieve these
- » Young people must be key part of the driving force which shapes, develops and implements events and activities as part of YoYP 2018
- » A partner must be able to clearly demonstrate and evidence which of the key YoYP 2018 themes their event shall cover
- » Partners must be inclusive of all young people, including young people from protected groups, and work to challenge discrimination as part of their legal requirements under the Equality Act (2010). Events and activities must be accessible
- » Partners must take into account issues that are important to young people and think about what their organisation can offer to address these issues
- » Young people should be able to feel they have achieved something from taking part in events and activities as part of YoYP 2018. Events and activities should foster belonging, purpose, inclusion, enjoyment and where possible, fun!
- » Partners should try to make YoYP 2018 events and activities intergenerational, where young people work collaboratively with people who are older, where appropriate
- » Partners should demonstrate how young people will continue to be involved within their organisations, creating a lasting legacy beyond 2018.

Get in touch.....

If you require any further information or have any questions you'd like to ask on the YoYP 2018 blueprint, please get in touch with the Young Scot team using info@young.scot.



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