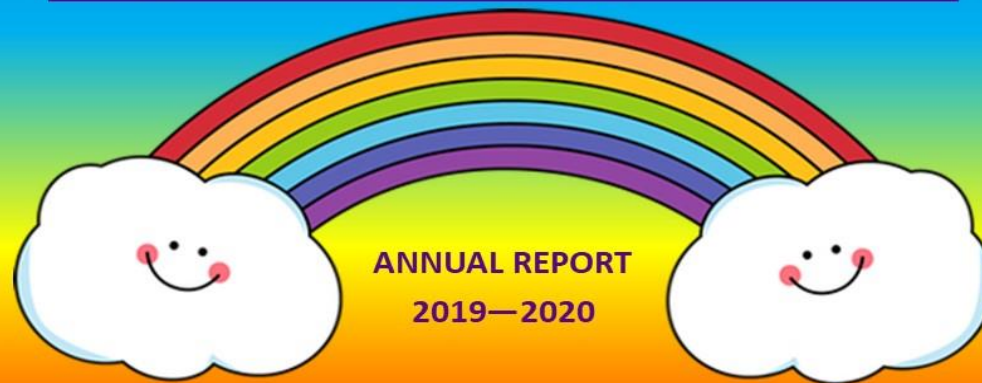


Y2K Youth Project



ANNUAL REPORT
2019—2020



“Broadening Horizons, Realising Potential”

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Thanks To Our Supporters

Y2K appreciates all the support we have received this year financially or 'in kind':



Chair's Welcome

Outgoing Chair—Mabel Currie

Welcome to Y2K's Annual Report 2019-2020

2019 proved to be an incredibly busy and fruitful year for Y2K since multi-year funding was secured for all three of our main work streams. Ongoing commitment from Children in Need helped us inspire the confidence of other major funders including National Lottery Communities Fund 'Young Start', the Robertson Trust, The Gannochy Trust and the Scottish Government 'CashBack for Communities' Phase 5 to secure grant awards for 2020-2023.



Our work in schools was popular as ever, extending from the long-standing relationship with Newbattle Community High School (NCHS) to us delivering groupwork and 1:1 supports to pupils from St. David's, Lasswade and Beeslack High Schools through our **Y2K+** and **180** services.

Our **Summer Programme** benefitted greatly from the addition of a new **Y2Kitchen** initiative devised by the young people to address the issue of holiday hunger. Staff supported Youth Reps to build relationships with local supermarkets, shops, and businesses to attract donations of fresh fruit and veg as well as 'store cupboard' staples. We were able to provide 248 meals over the 6week period, in a non-stigmatising way thanks to Y2K's open-door, no cost/low-cost ethos. Fantastic support from community stakeholders has helped us make lasting relationships for ongoing work.

Another great success was the **Mayfield Explorers** project which Y2K delivered in partnership with the National Mining Museum Scotland. The young explorers were able to celebrate the year end with an exhibition at the NMMS and the installation of a 'living museum' of their very own in the form of a wonderful indoor mural at Y2K.

On 12th March, at what turned out to be one of the last big celebration events before lockdown – Y2K was proud runner up at the *Youthlink Scotland National Youth Work Awards 2020* in two categories – **'Youth Worker of the Year'** and **'Youth Justice and Prevention'**.

Since the suspension of face-to-face services, due to social distancing restrictions, all our staff have been home-based, but work has not ceased. Y2K has continued to provide online support to our young people via social media platforms. We have fundraised for technology to support the Y2K infrastructure so that we can respond flexibly to changing needs. As we have carefully followed the Scottish Govt's route map through and out of lockdown we continue to offer a menu of options including digital supports, face-to-face small groupwork and 1:1 activities based at Y2K or within school as appropriate. We are also piloting some new outreach work for youths within the local community. Whatever lies ahead there will need to be a good degree of flexibility to allow us to respond to a changing landscape while continuing to offer safe, high quality supports. We must support our young people to re-socialise safely and to ensure they are supported in the losses they have experienced during the pandemic.

As outgoing Chair, and after many years of service on the Y2K Board, I have to say how very proud I am to have been associated with this fantastic community youth service. I will continue to be a member supporter of Y2K and I am confident that the incoming Chair, Susan, will enjoy the same backing and commitment from community partners and stakeholders.

Special thanks must go to all those who have contributed to our work over the past 12months, especially the staff, volunteers, young people, and board members.

Mabel Currie (Y2K Chair 2017-2020)

The baton has been passed

Incoming Chair—Susan McDonald



I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair. It is a pleasure and honour to be elected by the board of such a well-respected and successful community youth service.

I wish to take the opportunity to pay tribute to our outgoing Chair, Mabel, and to thank her for her commitment and invaluable contribution to Y2K. I am delighted that we will continue to benefit from her knowledge and experience in her role as a member supporter.

Since joining the board in 2018, I have been impressed by the warmth and friendliness of the young people of Y2K and by the energy, imagination and dedication of staff and volunteers, particularly in these uncertain times. I look forward to working closely with the team to continue to develop our shared aims of broadening the horizons and realising the potential of the young people of Mayfield and Easthouses.

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Our Mission

To support and encourage young people in Mayfield & Easthouses to be healthy and happy individuals through our delivery of holistic youth-led services.

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2019/20 Services

- ♦ ***InvolveU Drop-ins*** (suspended 17th March 2020)
- ♦ ***Y2K+***
- ♦ ***Helpy Guid 2 Go*** (has developed into *Guid 2 Go* as of October 2019)
- ♦ ***Go Girls*** (originally Young Women’s Project now continuing as *Guid 2 Go*)
- ♦ ***180*** (further developments as *CashBack 180* from April 2020)

Youth Achievement Awards

In 2019/20 our young people successfully completed 132 awards



National Youth Awards 2020

Youth Justice & Prevention—180 at Y2K
(Runner up)



Youth Worker of the Year—Lyndsey Ritchie
(Runner up)





Events

Big Birthday Bash



Jamie's CashBack Journey



Events

CashBack Phase 5 Launch



Mayfield Explorers' Exhibition



Healthy & Happy



April residential—Whithaugh Park



Summer 2019



Y2Kitchen



Sept residential—Wiston Lodge



Youth Champions



Corey Horsburgh
Demi-Leigh Mclaughlin



Alexa McGowan
Owen Findlay



Lockdown



What have we learned from Lockdown?

- Our flexibility has been invaluable in times of great uncertainty.
- Multi-year funding means security for staff & keeps morale up.
- We have a great team – committed to delivering support to young people within our communities. Clear vision & mission.
- Our strategic approach to fundraising & service delivery works well.
- Our focus on working with community partners is key.
- Together we can weather a range of challenges (target resources, build strength of organisation & staff team, develop appropriate tools).

Back to the Future

It is our aim to be able to offer a menu of options moving forward so that we can be flexible and responsive to whatever challenges and opportunities are ahead. It is important we ensure the poverty gap does not widen further for disadvantaged young people and that means ensuring that digital youth work post lockdown is not seen as a replacement for frontline youth work. We must be able to support young people to re-socialise safely at the other side of this and to ensure they are supported in the losses they will have experienced during the pandemic.



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Youth Work
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Guid 2 Go Project Lead

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Nina Galloway

Nina Galloway



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Katie Brash

180 Youth Worker

Dale McGinley

Volunteer

Laura Fraser

Volunteer

Sean Hanlon



Y2K BOARD

2020

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Board Members

Morag MacDonald (Treasurer), Vicki Robb (Company Secretary), Dana Jupp,

Susan MacDonald (Chair), Robert Hogg, Pat O'Neill,

Sandy Florence

Financial Statement

	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
Income	£248,945	£252,919
Expend	£234,310	£209,599
Surplus/deficit	£14,635	£43,320

A full set of audited accounts are available on request



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