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INTRODUCTION



MAYDS Chair

Peter Hogbin

This is my third year as Chairman for the Mid Argyll Youth Development Service and I am delighted to be a part of this voluntary organisation that provides so much guidance, support and opportunities for children, young people and their families in the local community. Many thanks go to Fiona Kalache (Services Manager) and all the Project Staff who work hard on a daily basis to deliver a first class service. I thank all the funders, volunteers and partner organisations whom continue to support us and make the work we do possible. Recognition must also go to the young people and their families who never fail to support all the projects clubs and services.



MAYDS Manager

Fiona Kalache

2015 has been a great year for the Mid Argyll Youth Development Services and we have seen a further increase in the number of services we deliver and young people we have helped. We have expanded on our training opportunities and now work with younger ages to provide earlier intervention and better opportunities. A big thanks goes to all the funders who have supported us financially in helping deliver all these projects and programs. I also want to mention and recognise all the hard work and input the project staff have contributed over the past year. Partner organisations for their constant encouragement and support into the services we deliver and the Management committee for their hours of voluntary work in helping run the project. Most of all I would like to give a special mention to all the young people who continue to participate and have input into the project and everyday make our jobs worthwhile.

THANKS TO FUNDERS

The Mid Argyll Youth Development Services would like to begin with individually recognising and thanking all the funders without whom none of what we do would be possible.



FUNDERS IN 2015

The Henry Smith Charity for Managers Salary

Big Lottery Young Start towards Sessional Staff, Training and Trips for 'The Weekend Continues Here' Program

Awards For All for Equipment etc.

The Robertson Trust towards Sessional Staff and Core Costs.

Argyll and Bute Drugs Partnership Diversionary Activities and Training

Mid Argyll Substance Misuse Forum towards MAYDS Ardrishaig

Tudor Trust towards core costs

Hedley Foundation towards training

Lloyds TSB towards Young Parents Support Group

The Robertson and Kilfennan Trust towards Housing Support Program

Big Lottery Children and Families towards Little people project

Argyll and Bute Council towards MOVIE MAJIC

Public Health Networks for Seasonal Sports

Youth Scotland, Big Lottery and Capital FM towards Music Hub

Voluntary Action Fund towards Community Spirit volunteer program

Moffat Trust towards sessional staff

Stafford Trust towards swimming sessions



SPORTS ON THE GREEN 2015

Youngsters polishing up their football techniques.



Piper Derek opening the event.



Our annual Sports on the Green event took place as usual on the last Friday in June. It did not get off to the best start when the front green flooded on the day meaning we had to move location to the Sports Centre Complex. However the weather brightened up and the event was a huge success with the sports complex turning into a great location for the event. This year the sports taster sessions took place on the new 3g pitch. There were sessions with football, golf, rugby, karate, and athletics. David Meenie the freestyle footballer was also on hand to help the young people polish up their football skills and techniques. Unit 23 Skate Park provided entertainment with their mobile skate park and skateboarding displays. There was a range of live music all evening ranging from our own young JAM music group to an Elvis impersonator and a piper. There was a range of food and drinks on sale and plenty of free giveaways for all attending ranging from basketballs and giant tennis balls to sports bottles and skate boarding caps. This was an amazing event with fun for all ages. Over 400 people attended the event and the new venue proved to be a roaring success so much so that the event will run from there again next year.



Face painting.



Elvis in Action.



Trying out the golf.



Unit 23.

BIG MUSIC PROJECT



Some of our Champions performing.



Attending Industry panel workshops.

This year we were delighted to be selected for the second year as only one of 6 organisations across Scotland to be part of the yearlong Big Music Project. Funded and sponsored by the Big Lottery, Capital FM and Youth Scotland this project allowed MAYDS to become a local music hub offering opportunities and training for 10 new local young people (champions) who wanted to get into the music industry. The program was about young people gaining access to all aspects of the music industry such as costume design, roadies etc. and not just performing. During the course of the year the young people attended a weekend event at the Beardsmore hotel in Glasgow, a series of workshops by music industry panels and showcased a performance for the Christmas lights switch on. All 10 music champions are undertaking Youth Achievement Awards as part of the project.



DIVERSIONARY DANCE



Dance Troupe with their new outfits

Our Diversionary dance Group continued to work hard during 2015. Running Wednesday and Friday afternoons both sessions were well attended with about 14 regulars coming along on a weekly basis. This year the dance Troup were kitted out in new dance ware and hoodies. They also had the opportunity to showcase their hard work with displays at our Sports on the Green event and the Christmas lights switch on in November.



Performing at Sports on the Green

TENANCY SUPPORT PROGRAM



Through the program Mel got a place on a work scheme at local hairdressers.

This year we ran our second pilot of the Tenancy Support program thanks to a second round of funding from the Robertson and Kilfinan Trusts. Again this was a 10 week program for 10 young people to support them with issues around housing, budgeting, healthy eating etc. Sessions offered input from agencies such as police, Argyll drugs partnership and skills development Scotland. Topics covered included drugs and alcohol, gatekeeping, benefits, how to be a good neighbour and employability. Trips to various supermarkets were undertaken to look at budget shopping as was a trip to the local job centre. Along with cooking sessions we had a health day. All young people on the course also undertook their food hygiene and first aid training. Those successfully completing the course got an item for their home. Once again the program was a huge success and this year two of those attending got into employment through the project. Funding has been awarded to run another 2 programs in 2016.



The girls with their first aid and food hygiene certificate

MAYDS IN ACTION

This year MAYDS continued to develop its sports program offering young people access to a variety of sporting events and activities. Along with our diversionary dance and Sports on the Green event we continued to run our Girls on the Move and Boys in Action free swimming sessions. Run weekly, girls on a Tuesday and boys on a Friday, these sessions were hugely successful sometime with 30+ attending. Sessions included water sports, music etc. This year we also ran a seasonal sports program for children and young people at the local sports centre. Run every Thursday evening from 6-8pm on the 3g pitch young people could drop in and participate in a wide variety of sports ranging from football and tennis to hula hooping, relay races and fun games. This program helped break down barriers to some young people accessing sports due to cost etc. and was a huge success. On our opening night we had over 60 young people attending. Again this year we helped to support one of the local youth football teams through purchase of a new kit. The local youth forum also chipped in with rain jackets.



2004's in their new MAYDS Kit.

TAILOR MADE SUPPORT SERVICES

Along with our range of recreational and diversionary activities MAYDS continues to run and develop its tailor made support services in order to meet the needs of young people locally. Our young parents support group continues to run on Monday's from 12-3pm. Young parents can come along have lunch some social time and get a range of advice and support from our qualified staff and partner agencies such as health visitors and police. This year we have also had messy play and book bug sessions. Along with our tenancy support program mentioned earlier in the report we have also been working closely with workingrite to support and place young people into working schemes, apprenticeships and employment. This year has been particularly successful with young people being placed with a variety of employers from hairdressing to welding and construction. Several of these young people have now gone onto fulltime employment or work placed apprenticeships. We have continued to provide free training initiatives for our local young people these range from the first aid and food hygiene courses to hairdressing and beauty therapy courses. This year also saw us start working in the local high schools on a regular basis to address issues around drug and alcohol use/abuse. This work was commissioned by the Argyll and Bute ADP. We continue to work closely with social work and education having input on Child's plans and implementing support packages for young people where need be and on a variety of issues. Our work with young carers is on-going providing support and respite services for both them and their families.



Youngsters at the young parents Halloween party.

VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND

In 2015 we were delighted to receive funding and support from the Voluntary action Fund for our Community Spirit Program. This program was all about us recruiting and supporting volunteers. Through the fund we have recruited 8 new volunteers so far. They work across a range of all our programs and activities including our young parents support group, music club and sports sessions. All volunteers have had access to a wide range of free training including Child Protection, First Aid, Food Hygiene, Boundaries etc. All our volunteers are invaluable to the project and allow us to offer more services at a larger capacity.



Our Volunteers with their certificates.

TRIPS and OUTINGS

2015 saw us continue with our program of free trips and outings for children and young people. This year we undertook regular horse-riding sessions, our annual trip to the pantomime, swimming and a spa day at Lochfyne plus also trips to Oban, Dumbarton and Glasgow to undertake a variety of activities. We also went on a couple of residentials with our music group.



Horse riding.

MAYDS ARDRISHAIG

Thanks to initial funding from the local substance misuse forum this year we were able to expand our weekend diversionary activities to Ardrishaig. After feedback from young people and parents it was clear young people were hanging about the streets in Ardrishaig at weekend due to lack of things to do and places to go. While many could access the services in Lochgilphead some were unable to due to transport issues. We began a pilot program running 2 sessions on a Friday and Saturday evening. One for primary and the other for secondary ages. They were both a huge success with sometimes up to 30 young people in attendance. Due to the size of the premises we were using we found ourselves at capacity and are now looking for continued funding and larger premises.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

MONDAY

9 – 5pm Office Open (General support, Business Support, Work Placements etc.)

12 – 3pm Young Parents Support Group

TUESDAY

9 – 5pm Office Open (General support, Business Support, Work Placements etc.)

6.30 – 9.30pm E.G.G.S (Enable get together social club)

7 – 8pm SPRING INTO ACTION (Girls only free swimming 8-18yrs)

Fortnightly Drug and Alcohol education sessions in Tarbert Academy

WEDNESDAY

4 – 5pm DIVESIONARY DANCE (Senior's UNIEK 9-18yrs)

7 – 10pm J.A.M (Just about music)

7 – 10pm Big Music Project

Fortnightly Drug and Alcohol education sessions in Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

THURSDAY

9 – 5pm Office Open (General support, Business Support, Work Placements etc.)

10 – 12pm The workshop (employment, cvs etc.)

5.45 – 7.15pm 6 to 8's IN ACTION (Youth Club for 6-8 year olds)

7.30 – 9pm Five Alive and P6 and 7 Transitional Youth Club

FRIDAY

- 10 – 2pm **Tenancy Support Program**
- 4 – 5pm **DIVISIONARY DANCE (Senior's UNIEK 9-18yrs)**
- 6.30 – 9pm **S1 Chill Out**
- 6.30 – 8.30pm **MAYDS Ardrishaig**

SATURDAY

- 10 – 12pm **SATURDAY SOCCER**
- 12 – 4pm **Movie MAJIC (monthly)**
- 6.30 – 8.30pm **MAYDS Ardrishaig**

Monthly full Saturday Trips and Outings to various shows, events etc.



Young Parents



Sports on the Green