

Journey through a Community Asset Transfer

History of EYDG

- St Giles & St Columba's Church funded a Youth Worker with a remit to start a project to offer the young people of Elgin an alternative to roaming the streets.
- Elgin Youth Development Group was established in 1998.
- Elgin Youth Café was opened in March 2001.
- The Inkwell leased from Moray Council March 2013.
- Community Asset Transfer decision December 2013.



EYDG Aim & Mission

Aim

Our overall aim is “To provide opportunities and facilities for young people and other members of the local community to fulfil their potential”

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to provide a safe and inspiring setting for young people to meet, socialise and learn away from the pressures of modern life. We will provide projects and activities that meet young people’s needs, and support them to reach their potential.”



Evaluation

- Impact on Young People
- Impact on Volunteers and Staff
- Impact on the Community
- Environmental Impact
- Finance

Structure

- Currently we have 6 Directors, and we have 8 Strategic young management team
- We have 2 full time youth worker & 4 part time youth worker and a Kitchen Manager.
- We have admin support, and a full time an admin assistant and a Social Enterprise Development Manager.
- We also employ 12 young people throughout the year to run the bar & kitchen



Young People

- Young people are aged 11 to 18
- Over 60% come from the 2 areas of multiple deprivation in Elgin
- Young people come from other areas of Moray up to a 15 mile radius
- Issues presented by the young people include drugs, alcohol, homelessness, relationship issues, bullying and young carers.
- Positives: engaging more in society, increased awareness of issues, many becoming role models



Activities, projects and groups within EYDG

Youth Café

Delta Force

**After School
Clubs**

Band Nights

**Healthy Living
Programme**

Wifi

**Mental
Health**

Games

Theme Nights

Programme

P7 Visits

Activities



Pizza making



Creatures Great and Small

Band Nights



Evenings at EYC

- Open Mon– Thu after school
- Friday 7 -10pm
- Saturday 7 -10pm
- Organised activities
- Pool, Wii, table-tennis, karaoke etc
- YT One –to – Ones



Groups Within The Cafe

- We started a 16 to 24 group for young people who are not in education, employment or training, and recently we have started a Job Club in conjunction with a number of different agencies.
- We run a community project, Delta Force, supporting other local charities and groups
- Strategic Management Group meet every other week and they have a sub group that organises fundraising events
- We run 3 after school clubs a week and holiday activities

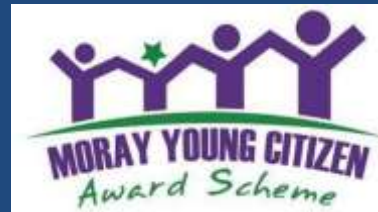
Awards Offered at EYC

- Youth Achievement Awards
- Saltire Awards
- Outstanding Volunteer Award
- Outstanding young person of the year
- Peer Support Award



Awards Received

- EYDG received the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in June 2011
- EYDG achieved the Volunteer Friendly Award in 2011 & was the first to be awarded north of the central belt.
- Fiona Birse then Chairman received a BEM for her services to the community.
- We won the 2017 Young Citizen of the Year award for Delta Force.



Volunteers

**Volunteers are essential to the running of the Café
and comprise ...**

- 6 Directors
- 9 Strategic Group- young management team
- 15 regular adult volunteers
- 6 occasional volunteers
- 8 Delta Force (community project)

Training

The staff, Volunteers and the Young People at the Cafe have completed many different training courses during the last 12 months, including:

First Aid

Food Hygiene

Confidence to cook

Child Protection

Who's Who and What's What

Governance

Think you Know - internet safety

Financial Planning

ILM Management

Practical Problems, Sensible Solutions

“Bored” Meetings

Youth Achievement Training

Duke of Edinburgh Training

Drug and Alcohol Awareness

Business planning

Developing your social enterprise



Highlights

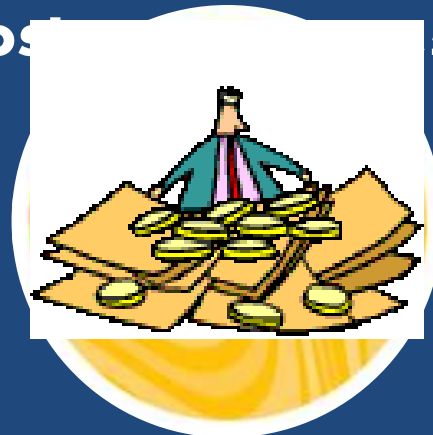
In the last 12 months:

- We ran 224 different activities
- We had 15 active volunteers covering 200 sessions, equating to 2400 voluntary hours in the evening.
- Volunteers have put in over 1150 hours during the morning and afternoon sessions
- 2014 saw the EYDG go through its Community Asset Transfer.
- 2016/17 has seen the refurbishment of the Inkwell and addition of a Community Kitchen. Almost complete is the refurbishment of the Café.
- We continue to have a focus on integrating young people from all social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds with over 50% coming from the deprived areas in Elgin



Financial Activities

• Income	11/12	15/16
	£234,283	£442,171
• grants	£185,647 79%	£372,111 84%
• trading income	£25,764 11%	£57,076 15%
• donations & fundraising	£21,751 9%	£10,953 2%
• Expenditure	£186,838	£254,421
• charitable activities	£179,331 96%	£247,470 97%
• governance costs	£7,507 4%	£6,901 3%



Balance Sheet

• Total assets	11/12	15/16
	£373,594	£748,100
• Fixed Assets	£199,279	£402,308
• Cash & bonds	£177,143	£206,631
• Restricted funds	£56,855	£176,317
• Unrestricted funds	£316,739	£530,865
• Designated	£199,279	£361,390
• Undesignated reserves	£117,460	£169,475



Community Asset Transfer

- Part 5 of the Community Empowerment Act introduces a right for community bodies to make requests to all local authorities, Scottish Ministers and a wide-ranging list of public bodies, for any land or buildings they feel they could make better use of.
- The Act requires those public authorities to transparently assess requests against a specified list of criteria, and to agree the request unless there are reasonable grounds for refusal.
- The Act sets out the key rights and duties and provides a framework for the asset transfer process.

CAT – Why?

- Reduced grant availability
- Recognised need to increase earned income
- Capacity constraints of original building



CAT Process

- Initial 1 year lease of “The Inkwell”
- Employed a Talent Scotland Graduate
- Production of business plan – all 96 pages!!



The Business Plan

Key areas

- Summary
- Your organisation
- The project
- Market
- Promotion
- Resources - Financial planning – SUSTAINABILITY
- Justification of discount – links to strategies



Top Tips

- Work with the authority you applying to
- Get all the help you can
- Try and get a dedicated person to work on the plan.
- Speak to someone who has been there and done it
- Persevere



CAT - Benefits

- Increased employability through training programmes
- Reduced social exclusion and intergenerational engagement
- Increase in provision of attractive and affordable meeting space for community groups – new community kitchen
- Increased economic security for the charity
- Improved credibility with funders



Thank you for coming



Any Questions?

