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Pictured: **Lewis and Harris Youth Project**

Originally funded in 2019, their 'young leaders project' was one of many funded projects whose activities were disrupted and delayed by the pandemic, and much of their funded activities were delivered in 2020 and early 2021. We took a flexible approach to our grants through this period, working with funded groups to repurpose or extend their grants to make sure they could still deliver for young people.

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# Background

The Young Start programme creates opportunities for children and young people between 8 and 24 years old across Scotland to become more confident, so they can realise their own potential. Since its launch in March 2012 it has been funded from the proceeds of dormant bank and building society accounts and delivered by The National Lottery Community Fund in line with policy directions from the Scottish Government.

Young Start funding supports projects that meet one or more of the following outcomes:



## Healthy

Children and young people have better physical, mental and emotional health



## Connected

Children and young people have better connections with the wider community



## Enterprising

Children and young people get access to new skills and training opportunities which will help them to get a new job or start a business

This annual report provides a summary of the achievements and impact that Young Start funding has had for the children and young people of Scotland between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

# Policy context

Under the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008, the Reclaim Fund releases funds from dormant bank accounts to The National Lottery Community Fund for distribution to good causes across the UK. At the direction of the Scottish Government, The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland established the Young Start programme to distribute Scotland's share of this money. The Scottish Government chose to concentrate dormant account funding on children and young people.

This focus on children and young people aligns with the Scottish Government's approach towards early intervention and preventative action to overcome the diverse range of challenges and issues that affect Scottish communities.

**Two core principles remain at the heart of Young Start:**

## Young people in the lead

Projects must follow the 'Getting it Right For Every Child' (GIRFEC) approach, ensuring that the rights, needs and wellbeing of children and young people are at the heart of the services that support them. Young Start requires that children and young people have been actively involved in the design, development and delivery of projects to ensure their experience and viewpoints are respected and listened to.

## Asset based approach

Projects must demonstrate that they have harnessed the strengths and assets of the children, young people and wider community they support. Rather than focusing on deficits and needs, Young Start encourages children and young people to use their strengths to help overcome challenges.

Applications that strongly demonstrate both of these principles are much more likely to be funded.

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## Friends of the Award was awarded £100,000

The grant was awarded to support young people with mental health issues in partnership with NHS Lothian. Young people age 14–24 years will build their confidence, learn new skills and knowledge, as well as workplace experience, and gain accredited awards using the Duke of Edinburgh Award structure.



## Josie's story

Having been diagnosed with autism at 13, Josie Low took the enormously difficult decision to leave high school due to social anxiety, caused by mental health issues. Fast forward five years and Josie has just begun her first year of college and feels more confident than ever.

Josie says: “After I stopped going to school, I had some help from a service which specialises in supporting young people with autism. That's how I found out about Friends of the Award. The Duke of Edinburgh is something that even one year ago, I wouldn't have contemplated doing. Now, I've achieved things I'd never have even dared to dream about.”

Having suffered from anxiety since she was a child, Josie found it incredibly hard to build friendships, but says becoming involved with Friends of the Award has dramatically changed that: “Not only have I gained some amazing life skills which I'd never had the opportunity to do before, Friends of the Award has given me the confidence to simply be able to talk to people and build strong, genuine connections. The project leaders have become my friends, not just my support network.”

Josie and the other young people involved with Friends of the Award are given the opportunity to embark on expeditions, take on volunteering tasks, encouraged to do weekly exercise, and build friendships. The Mental Health Development Officers help around 50 young people every year by taking them through each element of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, as well as being a support-system when it's needed.

“As part of the award, I started volunteering in a café. I still remember my first day – I was so nervous. I've now been volunteering in the café for over six months, and although I've fulfilled the number of volunteering hours I needed to put in to get the award, I've stayed on for one day a week, because I really enjoy it. I wouldn't have been able to talk to customers or co-workers before, but now I actually look forward to it.”

Josie is now studying Applied Sciences at Edinburgh College online due to the pandemic, but has gained so much confidence, she wishes she could attend classes in-person: “I'm really enjoying studying science at college, making friends with my classmates, and imagining a future I never thought about before.”

“I'm even part of a group chat now with my new college friends. I still find social interactions difficult, and even draining, but I'm now so much more comfortable being around people” Josie says.

“For our Bronze practice expedition, the task was two six-hour long walks. Being around people for six hours and talking with them all day was a big step for me, and quite a daunting thing to take on, and although it was quite socially exhausting, I had so much fun, and doing things like that means that the next big thing I take on will be easier.

“I've built some incredible relationships through Friends of the Award, but the biggest thing I can take from it is the relationship I now have with myself. I've become so much more confident than I ever was before, I'm so much more comfortable in myself, and most of all, I've learned how to bring my anxiety under control, at least to an extent. I'm so proud of how far I've come, and for the first time, I'm now excited about my future – hopefully as the next scientist leading the way!”

# Young Start in a nutshell

**Programme aim:** Helping young people aged 8 to 24 to become more confident and play an active part in realising their potential

- ✓ Can fund between £10,000 and £100,000
- ✓ Can fund between one and three years
- ✓ Three approaches:
  - ‘people-led’ – projects must demonstrate that young people are meaningfully involved in the design, development and delivery of activities as this is central to Young Start’s aim
  - ‘connected’ – projects must also have good connections with local organisations, assets/resources and the wider community
  - ‘strength-based’ – projects must utilise the strengths of young people, supporting them to realise their potential.
- ✓ **Place context** – Young Start applications are assessed by eight funding ‘place teams’ covering all 32 local authority areas in Scotland. This ensures applicants can be supported throughout the process by staff who understand the local context and priorities.

Although normally based from our office in Glasgow (but currently still working from home) the eight place teams cover the council areas below:

Lanarkshire	North Lanarkshire   South Lanarkshire
Glasgow	Glasgow City
Highlands & Islands	Argyll & Bute   Highland   Na h-Eileanan an Iar   Orkney Islands   Shetland Islands
Lothian	Edinburgh   East Lothian   Midlothian   West Lothian
Central	Clackmannanshire   Fife   Perth & Kinross   Stirling   Falkirk
North East	Aberdeen City   Aberdeenshire   Angus   Dundee   Moray
South	East Ayrshire   North Ayrshire   South Ayrshire   Dumfries & Galloway   Borders
West	East Dunbartonshire   West Dunbartonshire   Inverclyde   Renfrewshire   East Renfrewshire

# Budget

In 2020/21 the net income available from the Reclaim Fund for distribution across the UK was **£90,071,000**.

Scotland received 8.4% of this total; a grants budget of **£7,565,000** in 2020/21.

<b>Available to Scotland</b>	<b>£7,565,000</b>
Recoveries of grant	£33,000
Grants awarded	(£4,744,000)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£2,854,000
Balance of funds brought forward	£14,687,000
Balance of funds carried forward at 31 March 2021*	£17,541,000

\*Funds carried forward are available for future years

“Without these funds, some vulnerable young people would have felt excluded and been truly alone throughout this difficult time.”

Susie Clark, Participation Worker for Angus Women’s Aid YEG project

# Applications at a glance

## - volumes, values and success rates

As Young Start is a rolling programme, with no deadline at the end of the financial year, only applications that were assessed and presented for consideration at decision meetings are included below. This data is based on applications that went through the entire funding process between April 1 2020 – and 31 March 2021.

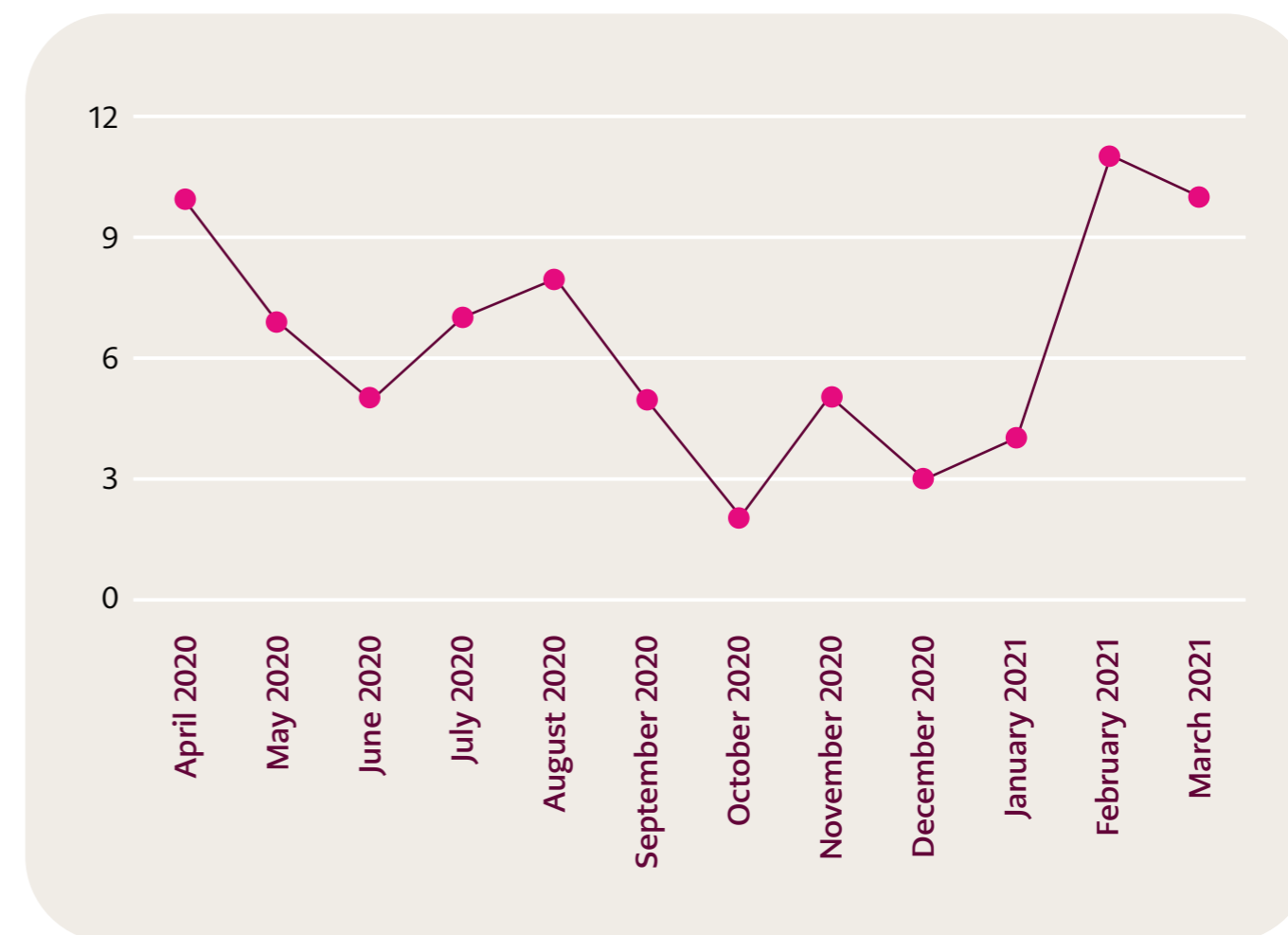
	2019/20	2020/21
Total applications processed	144	77
Total applications awarded	93	62
Success rate	60%	81%
Repeat applications	91	23
Percentage repeat applications	63%	30%
Successful repeat applications	45	14
Success rate of repeat applications	49%	61%
Average award value	£64,394	£73,191
Award length	1 yr = 4%	1 yr = 10%
	1-2 yrs = 38%	1-2 yrs = 27%
	2-3 yrs = 58%	2-3 yrs = 63%

## Impact of COVID-19

The impact of COVID-19 restrictions meant that youth groups and the majority of young people's services could not open or operate normally. The uncertainty over when face-to-face activities could safely resume was also likely a deterrent for groups seeking funding for projects. This meant that we saw a significant drop in applications processed of around 50% compared to 2019/20.

Application rates dropped after the first lockdown and picked up again towards the end of 2020. They increased more towards the end of the financial year in March 2021. A total of 77 applications were processed during the reporting period.

### Applications processed by month from April 2020



Given the extraordinary external circumstances around COVID-19, we were keen to offer some much-needed stability to the youth sector by funding as many projects as possible. Funding teams worked hard to enable as many projects as possible to receive funding.

Success rates significantly increased from last year, likely due to the much lower volume of applications being received which created less pressure on budgets. Surprisingly only 30% of applications received were from organisations who have previously received Young Start funding. However, these 'repeat applicants' experienced a 61% success rate which was higher than previous years. This was due to both the reduced budget pressure and our more flexible approach to assessment.

As well as supporting existing work to continue via ‘repeat applicants’ we also saw a substantial increase in overall success rates compared to previous years, with 81% of applications receiving funding.

With a slight increase from last year the average grant award was £73,191, typically spread over two to three years. This suggests that although the maximum grant available is £100,000, Young Start projects can deliver strong outcomes for smaller pots of money.

As expected, the majority of grants made have been for the longer period of three years which provides more stability for projects and staff, allowing time to deliver effective youth work. A smaller number (10%) of grants were for up to one year. This was a marked increase from the previous year and reflected the sector-wide need for short-term funding to support groups throughout the pandemic.

## Grant management

Throughout 2020/21 a total of 31 projects completed their work and their grants have been closed. Unsurprisingly, variations to grants were higher than in previous years as groups needed additional monies to respond to the unexpected demands of lockdown and the pandemic.



There were **18 grants** that had the grant amount increased, to a total of **£244,733** and **27 grants** had the duration of their project extended.

This was wholly due to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions which meant the projects had to adapt or pause delivery. We enabled this by extending the period in which their grant could be spent, offering an extra six months for delivery. This flexibility and adaptation of grants was welcomed by grant-holders, and provided them security, ensuring their funded projects could resume delivery once restrictions eased.

## Future plans

In 2019 we contracted Snook, an external service design agency, to engage young people and co-produce ideas to make the Young Start funding process more youth-led. Their final report in March 2020 made recommendations including some simple ideas for involving young people directly in different stages of the funding cycle, improving application accessibility with different media formats and involving young people in decision making processes. We will be exploring and testing these ideas over the coming year.

“The help I’ve got from Restless Natives has made a huge difference to me. I am so thankful that this service exists”

Nisha Singh, age 17,  
Intercultural Youth Scotland,  
Restless Natives project

“My hope is that the younger people I coach will feel inspired by me, and take from my own lived experience, that it does get better, and that there are amazing opportunities out there for people with disabilities – you just have to believe in yourself.”



## Sported Foundation was awarded £49,926

The grant was awarded to promote inclusion and address inequality in sport for disabled young people. Disabled young people are involved in all aspects of this project including advising clubs on how to reduce barriers to participation, coaching and training other young people, helping to plan and deliver sports activities, and inspiring other disabled young people to get involved in sport.



## Gemma's story

Gemma Lumsdaine, 24, from Monifieth, was born with cerebral palsy, a lifelong condition which affects her mobility and coordination. She will be a wheelchair user for life, but she won't let that slow her down. Now Gemma has found her passion helping young people find confidence and joy through sport.

It's estimated that 21% of young people in Scotland are considered disabled. Based in Dundee, Sported Foundation's Project 21 aims to tackle the barriers facing young people and to give them the opportunity to take part in inclusive sporting activities - from basketball to rugby.

It wasn't until Gemma had her first taste of playing rugby at aged 15, that she realised her disability didn't stop her from doing things other young people could do. Not only that, but she found a passion for coaching and inspiring other young people who feel the same as she once did.

“Now, it's my time to give back. Without initiatives like Project 21, I don't know where I'd be in my life. I had zero confidence in myself or my ability to achieve anything, but now, I have the opportunity to inspire the same confidence I've now gained, in so many other young people. I feel like it's a journey that's come full circle – being able to improve the lives of other people with disabilities is an absolute honour.”

Gemma feels that there's still some work to be done to build more of the support currently available for young people with disabilities. “Having a disability of any sort can make anyone feel excluded, so projects like

Project 21 which are really helping to level the playing field for young people with a disability, are vital. So many of the young people I coach have confidence issues and worry about the stigma associated with living with a disability and what that will mean for them as they reach adulthood. Although the way people with disabilities are viewed and treated has undoubtedly improved over the last ten years, it's still not at all easy growing up and feeling alienated from your peers.”

Having completed her honours degree in Sports and Coaching from Abertay University in summer 2021, Gemma has now embarked on gaining a master's degree in Disability and Sport in Scotland. “It's hard work but I'm so passionate about doing this research and I hope that one day, I'll be able to say I contributed to a more inclusive environment for young people with disabilities.”

Not only does Gemma make a difference to young people's lives through sport, but she also helps them gain the confidence she feels she didn't have when she was a child:

“I've seen my younger self in many of the young people I coach and for



me to be able to give back and to go full circle is really powerful. If Project 21 was around when I was their age, I would've had the support I needed to help me through the challenges I faced growing up. Society in general still has a long, long way to go but these groups are a safe haven for young people who are feeling scared or confused about their futures."

"Project 21 allows me to make a difference in young people's lives, the way similar groups made a difference to my own life. My hope is that the younger people I coach will feel inspired by me, and take from my own lived experience, that it does get better, and that there are amazing opportunities out there for people with disabilities – you just have to believe in yourself."

Gemma remembers feeling left out and anxious as a child because of her disability: "Growing up, I struggled to accept my situation – being a child in a wheelchair wasn't easy. I saw disability as an inherently negative thing. For me, normal, everyday things like going to university, driving a car, and having a family, seemed impossible. But then I discovered disability sports groups and gained the confidence I never knew I could have. I can honestly say I can't imagine what kind of life I'd have had if I didn't find these groups."

"Coming to Forth Valley Disability Sport has helped develop my confidence and self-esteem and I have made so many friends."

Caitlyn Ross, age 23,  
Forth Valley Disability Sport,  
Step Out project

"The Trust have guaranteed to employ some of the young people on full time and part time contracts from the programme for a full year, so they can give back to their community whilst transforming their lives and the lives of other young people."

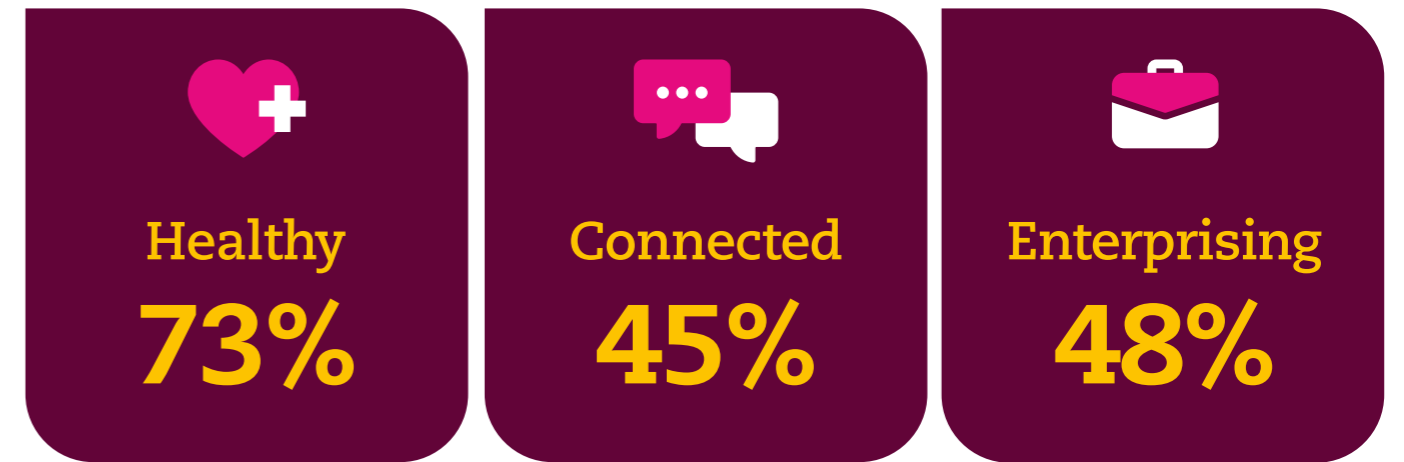
Greg Fenton,  
Community Manager,  
Dundee FC In The Community Trust

# Applications at a glance

## - outcomes & themes

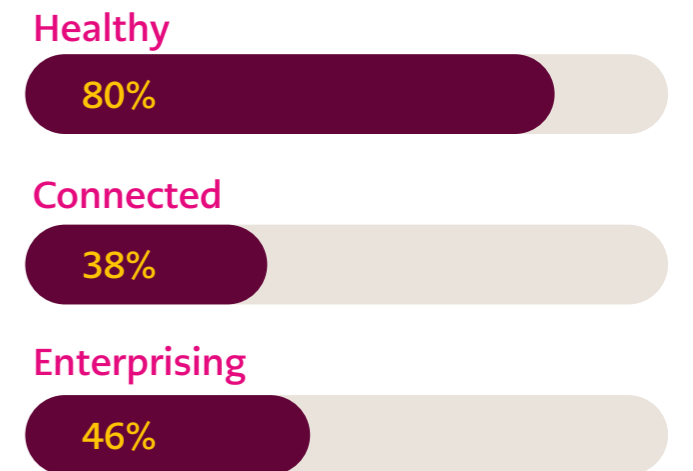
All Young Start projects are required to meet at least one programme outcome, with a significant number of projects meeting two or more.

Breakdown of awards by Young Start outcome\* (between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021):



As with previous years 'Healthy' remains the most commonly met outcome. However, it was 9% lower than the previous year, perhaps due to the reduced opportunity for young people to meet up in person and participate in physical activities. Compared to last year, the 'Connected' outcome saw an increase of 18%, which was likely due to the increased desire for young people to stay digitally connected during the pandemic. The 'Enterprising' outcome remained similar to last year with only a slight increase of 4% in applications.

For comparison, awards by outcome in 2019/20:



\*These figures are based on awarded grants, however as some projects meet more than one outcome, the figures do not add up to 100%.

As always, projects can aim to meet more than one outcome and for those achieving combined outcomes the highest numbers were for 'Healthy & Connected' (15.5%) and 'Healthy & Enterprising' (15.5%). This is unsurprising as the 'Healthy' outcome is quite broad and encompasses both mental and physical health and wellbeing which aligns well with projects delivering connections and enterprising activities.

We know from external UK-wide research that anxiety and poor mental health increased among young people during the pandemic. UK wide research on [National Youth Trends](#) conducted by BeatFreeks looked at how COVID-19 had impacted on the lives of young people.



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This trend was reflected in Young Start projects across Scotland with an increased focus on improving young people's mental health and wellbeing, especially under the 'Healthy' outcome. In many cases projects successfully adapted their services from face-to-face activity to online support, with the aim of maintaining some level of interaction with young people as they struggled during lockdown. This move to online also featured in many projects under the 'Connected' outcome as young people sought to connect digitally with peers and external services.

## Breakdown of awards

### - by project type

(Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021):

Here's how Young Start awards break down by project activity.\* Each project can be counted in multiple activity groups.

Activity	Awards	Awarded Amount
Volunteering	44	£3,108,010.00
Community Facilities	24	£1,788,250.00
Health and Wellbeing	24	£1,908,929.00
Transport/Travel	23	£1,698,668.00
Education, Employment and Training	22	£1,491,523.00
Arts	17	£1,172,586.00
Promotional	15	£1,037,450.00
Event/Holiday	14	£987,707.00
Digital	12	£960,769.00
Sport	11	£902,477.00
Social/Community	8	£731,247.00
Information, Advice and Awareness Raising	7	£564,462.00
Research/Evaluation	5	£507,305.00
Building Works/Refurbishment	4	£324,929.00
Environment	3	£216,500.00
Intervention	1	£207,409.00
Heritage	1	£61,560.00
Prevention	1	£95,036.00

Funding was awarded to support a broad range of activities with the most common project activity being 'volunteering' followed by 'community facilities' and 'health and wellbeing'. The focus on volunteering is reflective of the massive drive across communities to step up and volunteer during the pandemic and lockdown periods. It's also unsurprising that many activities focused on community facilities and health & wellbeing as community spaces were utilised to deliver much needed support for those who needed it.



“I don't think I'll ever completely overcome what I went through. But what I have learned is it's okay to be myself – more than okay, it's great to be myself.”



### Music 4 U was awarded £87,890

The grant was awarded to produce an anti-cyber-bullying musical – ‘Joe's Blog’ as part of their ‘You Got a Friend In Me’ project. The musical incorporates a cast of young people, with and without additional support needs, who encourage their peers be more inclusive and understanding of difference. The young people have the opportunity to help organise each show, perform, share their personal story and act as a buddy for new recruits.

## Joanne's story

Joanne was a teenager when the bullying at her high school began. Having been diagnosed with obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) at just eight years old, bullies at her school picked on her and sadly, she felt as though she didn't have many people her own age to turn to: “As a teenager, I never really had many friends. I was badly bullied, which I think was due to me being different from the other kids. No one my age understood what it was like to be different – to suffer from OCD – so they took it out on me in the form of bullying. Kids don't always understand disabilities – they just thought I was ‘weird’.”

Joanne initially joined the Music 4 U stage school as a child but began going more regularly when she was 18 years old, to find confidence, learn skills and make new friends. “I went back to Music 4 U just to have fun, but now that I've been a part of the group for three years, I see how far I've come – I've gained so much confidence, I've got a social circle, and I believe in myself far more than I ever did before.”

You Got a Friend In Me was a project created to produce the musical ‘Joe's Blog’, which is performed by a cast of 18 young people. The musical centres around cyber bullying and highlights the issue as well as providing resources for those targeted by bullies. Joanne says she feels honoured to be a part of the project and to have the opportunity to help prevent other young people from being bullied like she was:

“I feel that bullying and the effects it has on people should be spoken out about more – and more should be done to prevent bullies. It's not okay to be bullied and anyone going through that needs to know they're not alone. There are people who can help you. In my personal story, I didn't reach out to find the help I needed when I was being bullied – I was scared and didn't know if

anyone could help. It wasn't until I was a little older and became more involved with the stage school that I realised there are resources out there and amazing people willing to support you.”

The group's initial plan was to create a live musical and to tour around five primary and high schools in Scotland, encouraging other young people to discuss bullying and educate on inclusivity and understanding difference. But in March 2020, schools closed their doors and the majority of life went online. Rehearsals for Joe's Blog became digital and the group began meeting on Zoom, as was the case for so many projects. Due to the pandemic, Music 4 U had to pivot their plan, and instead of a live musical, they decided to film the performance and send this out to schools.

When the world began opening up again in 2021 and rehearsals began in person, Joanne had mixed feelings. On one hand, she was excited to see her friends again without having to see through a screen, but on the other, her OCD meant the fear of germs and getting ill was amplified: “For me, the pandemic was difficult. It was hard for everyone, but due to my OCD,

I had a constant fear of catching covid. I kept in contact with my friends from Music 4 U through lockdown, and even being able to talk to them on video calls was comforting. I know I would have been a lot lonelier through the pandemic if it wasn't for the group."

The young people taking part in the show were all encouraged to take on different roles, on stage and within the planning and production of the play, and Joanne felt a real affinity with her own character, Sassy Natalie, by the time the performance was ready to be filmed:

"I had to come out of my comfort zone and be willing to try anything to really make the most of the experience and, although it was scary to begin with, being on stage and singing ended up being so enjoyable. It takes a lot of guts to sing in front of people, but once you're up there, on the stage with your group, it's an amazing feeling. When we were just starting out, I kept myself to myself a bit, but more than a year in, my confidence has grown massively, and I now live up to my character's name – Sassy Natalie."

Some of the young people involved with year one of the project are being given the opportunity to not only be a part of the cast in year two, but to mentor other young people coming into the programme.

Summing up her experience at Music 4 U, Joanne says: "I don't think I'll ever completely overcome what I went through. But what I have learned is it's okay to be myself – more than okay, it's great to be myself. If I can help another young person like me, or someone who's been through something similar to what I've been through, I'll be so happy. I want to help other young people achieve their dreams and more than anything, be proud of who they are, as I am now."

# Breakdown of awards

## - by local authority

(Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021):

In 2020/21 we processed applications from 25 out of the 32 local authorities in Scotland and made awards in 23 local authority areas. This year, no awards were made in Aberdeenshire, East Ayrshire, East Lothian, East Renfrewshire, Na h-Eileanan an Iar, Fife, Midlothian, Orkney Islands and Scottish Borders. Funding teams are planning engagement and outreach to local communities now that restrictions have eased so we hope to see an increase in applications from across all areas of Scotland next year.

Beneficiary Location (Council area)	Applications	Awards	Awarded Amount
Aberdeen City	3	2	£162,890
Aberdeenshire	0	0	£0
Angus	3	1	£91,943
Argyll and Bute	1	1	£46,572
City of Edinburgh	17	13	£898,164
Clackmannanshire	2	2	£180,711
Dundee City	5	5	£361,790
Dumfries and Galloway	1	1	£55,904
East Ayrshire	0	0	£0
East Dunbartonshire	1	1	£73,616
East Lothian	0	0	£0
East Renfrewshire	0	0	£0
Falkirk	2	2	£199,930
Fife	1	0	£0
Glasgow City	15	12	£895,054

Beneficiary Location (Council area)	Applications	Awards	Awarded Amount
Highland	1	1	£23,539
Inverclyde	2	1	£85,306
Midlothian	0	0	£0
Moray	1	1	£99,696
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	0	0	£0
North Ayrshire	2	2	£179,965
North Lanarkshire	4	2	£120,687
Orkney Islands	0	0	£0
Perth and Kinross	2	2	£156,000
Renfrewshire	3	3	£157,787
Scottish Borders	1	0	£0
Shetland Islands	1	1	£72,735
South Ayrshire	1	1	£57,410
South Lanarkshire	2	2	£194,367
Stirling	1	1	£51,000
West Dunbartonshire	2	2	£131,835
West Lothian	3	3	£240,939

\*Figures based on the 'beneficiary location listed by applicant' – as an application may support young people in more than one area the figures show the number of applications and awards that are delivered in each local authority area and will be higher than total number of applications received.

## Media and engagement

As with our rate of applications, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to significantly reduced levels of media coverage and engagement with customers and stakeholders. Many factors contributed to this including: the smaller number of new funded projects to announce, fewer shareable stories emerging while projects were on hold, and disruption of regular parliamentary business massively reducing mentions of funded projects in motions by elected representatives.

### Media

Across the past financial year we issued ten national press to print and broadcast media. This resulted in 71 pieces of coverage for Young Start grants, and a total reach of 1,018,611 readers, viewers and listeners. This represents a significant decrease from the previous year. The main drivers for this decrease were related to COVID-19, which saw fewer funded projects, disruption of work already funded, fewer story leads and a changing news agenda.

### Digital engagement

We posted Young Start focused content to our Twitter and Facebook pages 20 times in this period, with our total impressions being 46,452. These posts included funding announcements, stories and pictures of Young Start funded projects in

action, and information about how to apply to the fund.

### Twitter

The majority of our most successful posts through the year were announcements of new grants. Our January 2021 announcement Tweet reached over 12,000 people, well above our average for any type of post.

As in previous years, our engagement rate (the ratio of impressions to interactions) has continued to rise on Twitter. This is generally regarded as a good indicator of success, as it suggests that people are interested enough in our content to interact rather than passively consume it. Averaging 2.2% last year, our overall engagement rate rose to 3.5% this year. Our engagement rates remain well above industry standards.

### Facebook

Changes to Facebook meant some of our content struggled to reach our audience compared to previous years. However, Young Start content continued to perform well compared to other posts, with our most successful post - the October 2020 grant announcement - reaching more than 1400 people. Our average engagement rate for Young Start Facebook posts fell slightly, but at 7% is still well above average for our channel, where we aim for 5%.

# Annex

A list of all awards made in 2020/21, including name of organisation, amount awarded, duration of project, local authority area and constituency details, project summary and which outcome(s) the project aimed to deliver.

Organisation	Awarded amount	Project length in years	Local authority	Devolved administration constituency	Press summary	Intended impact
Able2Sail SCIO	£51,448.00	3	Renfrewshire	Renfrewshire South	This group will use the funding to continue their Youth Forum activities. These include large yacht sailing sessions and dinghy sessions in which young people with additional support needs are paired with abled bodied young people and work together to learn sailing skills. Other aspects of project work include the young people working towards attending the Special Olympics and the shaping the service through the Youth Forum. This project will include 20 participants and 10 volunteers.	Healthy, Connected
Action for Children	£99,991.00	3	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Central	This group will use the funding to provide a youth project for young people aged 14-21 years from ethnic minority backgrounds in Edinburgh. 1:1 and group support will be provided covering a range of activities identified by the young people such as cultural/heritage, sports, music and arts. Young people will be encouraged to develop new skills and participate in new activities leading to better connections in the local community.	Healthy, Connected

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Ando Glaso SCIO	£61,560.00	3	Glasgow City	Glasgow Kelvin	This group will use the funding to work with Roma young people in Glasgow to celebrate their culture and heritage. The three-year project will include music sessions, events, workshops, and mentoring.	Healthy, Connected
Article 12 in Scotland	£99,732.00	3	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Southern	This group will use the funding to address gaps in the education and work experience of young Gypsy/ Travellers (13-25) through engagement in an individually tailored programme of learning and development opportunities. The 3-year Scotland-wide project will benefit up to 30 young people per year enabling them to gain new skills and accredited qualifications that will increase access to employment opportunities.	Enterprising
Articulate Cultural Trust	£83,401.00	2	Glasgow City	Glasgow Shettleston	This organisation will use the funding to train and give paid work to care experienced creative assistants to work on gable end murals with participants, and to give the care experienced participants the chance to engage with their community through art. The aim is to celebrate the creativity, diversity and strength of care experienced young people as well as challenging stigma and highlight their positive contributions within communities.	Enterprising, Connected

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Beith Community Development Trust	£99,400.00	2	North Ayrshire	Cunninghame North	This grant will fund a music and performance project that will provide opportunities for young people to learn new music skills and take the lead in running their own music events. Bringing young people from across the area together, addressing social isolation and building their self-confidence. The project will engage with 1000 young people and 60 volunteers over three years.	Healthy
Bike for Good Ltd	£92,836.00	3	Glasgow City	Glasgow Southside	This group will deliver a programme of cycle activity for young people aged 8-14 in the Govanhill area of Glasgow.	Healthy, Connected
Bridging the Gap (Gorbals Ecumenical Project)	£91,874.00	3	Glasgow City	Glasgow Southside	This group will work with young people in P7/S1 transition over the next three years. The 20 week programme is primarily delivered by volunteers from S4, S5 and S6 at two local secondaries with support, supervision and training from the project staff.	Healthy



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Central Carers Association Falkirk And Clackmannan	£99,930.00	2	Falkirk	Falkirk West	This project will allow the group to enhance the way in which young carers and young adult carers are supported with a new dedicated member of staff. As well as delivering 1-2-1 work and group support, the project will develop a Young Carers Forum enabling young people to shape services and decisions that impact them at local and national levels. The project will also offer young carers opportunities to gain skills and qualifications in the process.	Healthy, Enterprising
Centre for the Moving Image	£45,000.00	1	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Central	This group will deliver a year long programme of youth engagement focusing on film education, learning and career development activities. The programme will be delivered at the group's cinemas in Edinburgh and Aberdeen, and online providing young people with inspiring, creative experiences in film providing the insight and understanding needed to build a career in the film industry.	Enterprising
Children 1st	£80,565.00	2	North Ayrshire	Cunninghame South	This group will use the funding to continue delivering their 'L.E.A.D.' project for young people affected by significant trauma in North Ayrshire. They will provide a range of activities to improve young people's mental and emotional wellbeing, resilience and life skills. The project aims to build on the positive impact of the pilot.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected

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Children in Scotland	£49,873.00	1	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Central	The group will use funding to deliver a co-designed research project with a group of six peer researchers (aged 14-18 years). The peer researchers will gather the views and experiences of children and young people aged 8-24 years to explore participation through the pandemic. The project will benefit 193 children across Scotland and will target young people with lesser heard voices as we move beyond the pandemic.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected
Church House, Bridgeton (SCIO)	£43,326.00	3	Glasgow City	Glasgow Shettleston	This group will use the funding to offer a programme of opportunities to young people living in Bridgeton, Calton and Dalmarnock, Glasgow. This will include employing an apprentice youth worker who will be given training and support to progress to a Programme Leader role.	Healthy, Enterprising,
Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations Scotland	£90,000.00	3	Glasgow City	Glasgow Kelvin	The group will use funding to continue the delivery of their leadership and employment support service for Ethnic Minority young people. The service will work with young people to develop skills and create a pathway to a positive destination.	Enterprising

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Disabled and Carers Information Centre Association	£81,945.00	3	Dundee City	Dundee City West Dundee City East	The group will use the funding to embed and improve their Young Carer ambassador programme in order to provide more training and support across high schools in Dundee. The ambassadors will provide practical support and advice within schools as well as identify other Young Carers who may need further support. The project will last for three years and will be helping to place 32 Young Carer ambassadors in 8 schools across Dundee.	Healthy, Connected
Dundee Football Club in the Community Trust (SCIO)	£95,624.00	2	Dundee City	Dundee City East	This group will provide work placements for young people in Dundee aged between 15 and 24. Young People will use their local knowledge to plan and deliver activities for their communities, thus developing skills in administration, communication, workshop facilitation and time keeping. The young people participating in the project will also work towards coaching qualifications and will be supported to access further employment and training opportunities. Over two years, this project will support 45 young people.	Enterprising

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Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust	£60,474.00	3	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Eastern	This group will use the funding to develop and deliver ten woodland activities and skills programmes across three years for young people in Edinburgh and the Lothians, beginning in Craigmillar but expanding to other areas in subsequent years. The programme is for 16-24 year olds who have left mainstream education and will lead to a Saltire Award. The project will work with around 120 young people and involve 5 volunteers.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected
Elgin Youth Development Group	£99,696.00	3	Moray	Moray	This project will work with young people aged 11 to 18 years, building on their existing universal services which include outreach, drop in sessions and running the Elgin Youth Café (The Warehouse). The group will organise co-designed and co-delivered sessions with the young people focusing on activities to support physical and mental wellbeing.	Healthy, Connected

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Falkirk Football Community Foundation	£100,000.00	3	Falkirk	Falkirk West	This project will support the group's continued delivery and development of 'Centre Forward', a personal development programme for young people with learning disabilities in Forth Valley which uses sport as a catalyst for change in participants lives. The project will be delivered in close partnership with Forth Valley College and participants will take part over the course of 1 year. Young people will work through SQA units, achieve accredited qualifications in various practical skills and gain work experience in a variety of professional and community settings. Through participation, young people will improve their mental and physical wellbeing, increase opportunities for social interaction and develop connections to the wider community. This project will benefit 72 people and involve 27 volunteers over 3 years.	Enterprising
Farr Edge 2000	£23,539.00	3	Highland	Caithness	This group will use the funding to increase their capacity and expand the programme of activities for children and young people in Bettyhill. This three-year project will increase staffing, develop more activities for 12-24 year olds and provide new outdoor equipment.	Healthy

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Feeling Strong	£99,911.00	2	Dundee City	Dundee City East	This group will deliver a recovery-focused mental health service for young people in Dundee. The service will include peer mentoring, support with employment and training, and therapeutic activities. The project will also help to raise awareness of the mental health challenges young people face and create positive environment where young people can flourish. The two year project will support up to 355 young people aged between 12 and 24 years, and create volunteering opportunities for 20 young people.	Healthy
Firefly Arts Limited	£63,000.00	3	West Lothian	Almond Valley	This group will use funding to run a youth arts and media skills programme to improve young people's confidence and practical skills in producing art which addresses issues that are important to them.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected

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Forth Valley Sports Association for People with a Disability	£51,000.00	3	Stirling	Falkirk East	The group will use the funding to support young people living with a physical, sensory or learning disability across the Forth Valley area to make the transition from school to further education, and from further education to paid or voluntary employment. The project will use sport and physical activity as a vehicle to enable participants to make friends, develop an array of life skills, and move onto positive destinations in employment, education, training and volunteering. The project will be delivered by an existing Branch Coordinator with 1,200 young people benefiting over 3 years, supported by 65 volunteers.	Healthy
Friends of the Award in Edinburgh and the Lothians	£100,000.00	2	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Southern	This group will use the funding to support young people with mental health issues in partnership with NHS Lothian. Young people age 14-24 years will build their confidence, learn new skills and gain accredited awards using the Duke of Edinburgh Award structure. The project will involve 140 young people and 15 volunteers over 3 years.	Healthy

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G15 youth project (SCIO)	£100,000.00	3	Glasgow City	Glasgow Anniesland	This project will use funds to deliver a rolling 12-week programme aimed at supporting young people's emotional and physical wellbeing. It will work with 180 young people from Drumchapel between the ages of 12-17 years and engage 15 volunteers over 28 months.	Healthy
Grampian Society for the Blind	£75,000.00	2	Aberdeen City	Aberdeen Central	North East Sensory Service will continue their programme for young people who experience serious hearing or sight impairment. A variety of social, recreational, educational and sporting activities will be available: fortnightly youth clubs in Aberdeen and Moray, weekend trips and a daily programme during school summer holidays. It is expected that over 160 young people aged up to 19 will benefit.	Healthy
Hansel Alliance	£57,410.00	2	South Ayrshire	Carrick	This group will use the funding to work with disabled young people to develop their horticulture and ground maintenance skills, progress to employment, and gain accreditation. The activities will be aimed at those aged 16-24 who are transitioning from school or college. The project will take place in Symington, Ayr.	Enterprising



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Hear My Music	£73,562.00	2	Glasgow City	Glasgow Southside	This group will use the funding to expand their programme which offers individual after-school music sessions for children and young people aged 8-18 who have complex autism/communication needs. The project will benefit 26 children and young people from Glasgow, South Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire. The three-year grant will allow the project to expand, offering an additional eight spaces. The unique, person-centric structure uses music as a powerful communicative tool that breaks down barriers for vulnerable young people.	Healthy, Connected
Intercultural Youth Scotland	£98,710.00	2	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Northern and Leith	Funding will support IYS to continue their Restless Natives programme, addressing the barriers to employment and positive destinations faced by young people from minority ethnic backgrounds. Through encouragement and specialised solutions, BAME young people are provided with the skills to challenge and overcome barriers of injustice across education, society and the workplace. Over 2 years, up to 360 people will take part supported by up to 8 volunteers.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected

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Jackson Youth Club	£35,250.00	3	North Lanarkshire	Airdrie and Shotts	This group will use funding to deliver their existing youth programme for young people aged 11 to 18 years old. The three-year project will provide a regular programme of health and well-being activities including hill walking, dance fitness, smoking and alcohol awareness sessions and a residential trip.	Healthy
Leonard Cheshire Disability	£55,904.00	2	Dumfries and Galloway	Edinburgh Central	This group will use the funding to continue running their 'Can Do' project for young disabled people in Dumfries & Galloway. They will provide a range of activities that encourage young people with disabilities to gain new skills and take part in volunteering opportunities. The project aims to improve social skills, confidence and employability skills.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected
Liber8 (Lanarkshire Limited)	£95,036.00	3	South Lanarkshire	Rutherglen	The group will use the funding to deliver youth counselling to support young people experiencing mild mental health, emotional and/or behavioural issues. This project is part of a wider GOTO early intervention programme delivered by a partnership of key local stakeholders to support mental health & wellbeing in young people aged 14-18. The GOTO project uses a unique blend of Youth Work, Counselling and CBT interventions to prevent escalation of poor mental health in young people.	Healthy

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Love Learning Scotland SCIO	£25,000.00	1	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Western	This project will support young people facing challenging circumstances, those excluded from mainstream education and those with limited support networks. This will be achieved by providing young people with the opportunity to design, develop, and deliver farm and food activities and through personalised learning pathways where young people can achieve accredited qualifications through online learning. 150 young people will take part, supported by 15 volunteers.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected
Make and Create Arts	£85,437.00	3	North Lanarkshire	Airdrie and Shotts	This group will use funding to deliver and expand their existing arts programme for young people aged 8-16 years. The programme of youth arts activities will include film making, advanced camera skills, and youth theatre.	Healthy
Move On	£86,599.00	3	Glasgow City	Glasgow Kelvin	This group will use the funding to provide volunteering opportunities for disadvantaged young people aged 16-24 in Glasgow and Edinburgh. Young people will be supported to overcome the barriers they face in achieving recognised qualifications. The project will support 60 young people and 60 volunteers over three years.	Healthy, Enterprising

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Music 4 U	£87,890.00	3	Aberdeen City	Aberdeen Central	This group will use the funding to bring a cyber-bullying musical to schools, colleges and youth groups. A cast of young people, with and without additional support needs, will encourage their peers be more inclusive and understanding of difference. The young people will have the opportunity to help organise each show, perform, share their personal story and act as a buddy for new recruits.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected
Ochil Youths Community Improvement	£80,715.00	3	Clackmannanshire	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	The group will use the funding to deliver a peer led wellbeing project aimed at young people aged 10-18 years who are resident in the Hillfoots Villages of Clackmannanshire. Using a range of recreational activities as a hook the project will promote mental and physical wellbeing amongst 1,684 young people with 20 volunteers assisting over 3 years. The project will be delivered by qualified Youth Workers who will be supported by specialised sessional tutors with the project overseen by a Service Leader.	Healthy

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PHYSICAL	£66,000.00	3	Perth and Kinross	Perthshire North	This group will use funding to create and coordinate a programme of training, education and coaching opportunities for young people with disabilities. Working with partner organisations and sports clubs the project will connect young people with existing opportunities, support the creation of new initiatives and help young people overcome any barriers to their participation. Young people will access coaching opportunities, accredited courses, varied volunteering opportunities and will be supported through one to one mentoring, peer led networking groups and peer support. Ultimately young people with disabilities will gain access to new opportunities which will help them to grow in confidence and fulfil their potential. Over three years the project will work with 720 young people and engage 60 volunteers.	Connected
Pilton Youth & Children's Project	£75,285.00	3	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Northern and Leith	This group will use the funding over three years to run their Creative Mentoring Programme to help young people aged 15-20 years move away from participating in anti-social behaviour and criminal activity which can have a long-term negative impact upon their lives and their families.	Healthy, Enterprising

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Project 81 Youth and Community Enterprise Ltd	£46,572.00	2	Argyll and Bute	Dumbarton	This group will use the funding to engage young people between 11-17 years of age from the Helensburgh & Lomond area in a diverse programme of youth-led activities and learning opportunities. The two-year project will see over 100 young people access this person-centred, holistic youth programme which be supported by an experienced youth worker, sessional staff and 40 adult/young volunteers.	Healthy
Regen: FX Youth Trust	£99,331.00	2	South Lanarkshire	Hamilton	The group will use funding to continue and grow their 'The Street' project which targets vulnerable young people aged 14-21 years old through a unique blend of immersive theatre and youth work. Whilst there is not one specific reason a young person may be referred to The Street, they will commonly be facing challenging circumstances. Around 360 young people will benefit in the project, with the participation of four volunteers, all of whom are previous service users.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected
ReMode Renfrewshire CIC	£60,602.00	3	Renfrewshire	Paisley	This group will use funding to deliver interlinked youth-led creative activities and volunteering opportunities centred around the theme of promoting and understanding sustainable fashion. The programme will involve a range of skill-based workshops, outings, informal events and the production of various creative endeavours.	Healthy, Enterprising

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Renfrew YMCA SCIO	£45,737.00	2	Renfrewshire	Renfrewshire North and West	This group will use funding to develop a Youth Ambassador section within their membership. This group of young people will be supported to develop themselves to the point where they are co-delivering activities within the organisation and leading on others, including facilitating community events. The young people involved will gain youth work experience, a range of accredited qualifications and softer skills that will support their movement on to positive life destinations. The project is expected to benefit 60 individuals over 2 years.	Healthy, Enterprising
RIG Arts Ltd	£85,306.00	3	Inverclyde	Greenock and Inverclyde	This organisation will use the funding to develop and run a three-year film and media training project for young people in Inverclyde aged 12-24.	Healthy, Enterprising
Rosemount Lifelong Learning	£66,674.00	3	Glasgow City	Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn	This group will use the funding to deliver a Young Parent Support Service for young parents aged 16-25 living in Glasgow. The project will benefit 80 young people and 15 volunteers over two years.	Healthy, Enterprising

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Scottish Chamber Orchestra Limited	£30,000.00	3	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Southern	This group will use the funding for their creative project which enables a group of young people aged 14 to 18 years with a diagnosis of moderate to severe mental health issues to feel heard, supported and encouraged through collaborative music-making. The free three-day courses are open to referred young people who have an interest in any style of music, regardless of their musical experience or ability.	Healthy
Scottish Disability Sport	£99,260.00	3	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Western	The group will use funds to allow young people to develop a project where they can gain sports coaching qualifications, and develop resources to support young people with disabilities to improve their mental health through a programme that builds their leadership skills and confidence and gives them a voice. 46 young people will take part in the training programme, and will lead workshops for a further 1500, young people over the three years. 15 adult mentors will offer support and guidance to the young people who are involved in the apprenticeship training scheme. In year 3, young people who have completed the training will be able to apply for the paid apprenticeship, which can be based at any of the branches.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected



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Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs	£88,785.00	3	West Dunbartonshire	Clydebank and Milngavie	This group will use the funding to develop and expand its existing work with young people who are living with the effects of family members' drug and alcohol use. This project will see the continuation of one to one support but without a limit to the number of sessions offered, and the expansion of small group work and structured evening sessions.	Healthy
Sported Foundation	£49,926.00	2	Dundee City	Glasgow Shettleston	This group will work with four sports clubs and community groups in Dundee to address inequality in sport and to promote inclusion for disabled young people. Disabled young people will be directly involved in delivering this project advising clubs on how to reduce barriers to participation, helping to plan and deliver sports activities, and inspiring other disabled young people to get involved in sport.	Healthy, Connected

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Strathmore Centre for Youth Development	£90,000.00	3	Perth and Kinross	Perthshire North	This group will use funding to continue delivering a comprehensive programme of universal youth work and youth engagement to young people aged 11-25 in Blairgowrie and surrounding areas. The project will include delivery of social groups, drop in sessions, LGBT+ peer support groups, primary to secondary transitions support, intergenerational work, support to access volunteering and youth leadership opportunities. Through youth mentoring, peer support, and an active youth committee the project will empower young people to develop a role and voice in their community. Over three years the project will work with 1000, young people and be supported by 25 volunteers.	Connected
Strathmore Community Rugby Trust	£91,943.00	3	Angus	Angus North and Mearns	The group will use the funding to run a sports leadership programme for young people at risk of exclusion and non-engagement with mainstream education. The programme of activities is based around rugby sessions alongside skills workshops and participants will gain a qualification upon completion. The programme hopes to work with around 30 young people per year and help to improve employment chances.	Enterprising

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Team United	£96,897.00	3	West Lothian	Edinburgh Northern and Leith	This group will use funding to establish a cohort of Team Leaders who will design and develop a programme of sport activities for young people with autism, work together to enhance their skills and raise awareness of autism in sport. The young people will have the opportunity to deliver activities to their peers, gain experience in project design and decision making, and work towards improving their self-esteem. Over three years, the project will involve around 200 young people and 120 volunteers.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected
The Capital City Partnership Limited	£62,500.00	1	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Northern and Leith	The 'Get Hired' project will work with 20 of the most disadvantaged and prioritised young people in Edinburgh who are at high risk of long-term unemployment as a result of economic and systematic issues accelerated by COVID-19. This will be an intense intervention of support and upskilling with a linked co-ordination to other services by a dedicated Employment Advocacy Worker. The project will work with 20 young people and involve 2 volunteers.	Connected

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The Children's Parliament	£52,339.00	1	City of Edinburgh	Edinburgh Central	This group will support children aged 10-12 years to carry out an investigation into 'How professionals can make rights real'. The children will explore the topic, present the findings and produce a range of resources including training material for professionals. The children will engage with community-based professionals to explore what the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) incorporation into Scots law means for children and professional practice.	Healthy, Connected
The Larder West Lothian	£81,042.00	2	West Lothian	Almond Valley	This group will use funding to produce an employability programme for young people in West Lothian who have multiple barriers to overcome. The programme aims to support participants in engaging with further education, training opportunities and employment.	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected
The Pearce Institute	£29,882.00	1	Glasgow City	Glasgow Pollok	This group will use the funding to deliver arts activities addressing sectarianism, racism and bigotry. It is aimed at young people living in Govan, Govanhill, Ibrox and Parkhead and will challenge beliefs, develop understanding, and build confidence and skills.	Healthy, Connected

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The Speech Language Communication Company	£34,384.00	3	Dundee City	Edinburgh Central	This group will continue to deliver its weekly youth club in Dundee for young people with speech, language and communication needs. Focussing on young people aged been 11 and 18, the youth club will be an opportunity to try new activities, socialise and make friends. This three year project will promote positive mental health and wellbeing for up to 40 young people, whilst also providing development opportunities for up to 20 volunteers.	Healthy, Connected
The Urban Fox Project	£75,340.00	2	Glasgow City	Glasgow Shettleston	This group will use the funding to deliver a Youth Volunteer Programme in the North East of Glasgow. The project will involve four distinct programmes focused on personal development. The project will involve 80 young people and 10 volunteers over two years.	Healthy, Enterprising

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Twechar Community Action	£73,616.00	3	East Dunbartonshire	Strathkelvin and Bearsden	<p>This three-year grant will support a wide range of young person centred work taking part in and around Twechar community centre. 75 young people will partake, aged 8-21, supported by 18 volunteers, many of whom will be young people too. Throughout this self-directed project work young people will further connect to the local community, up-skill themselves and become healthier via: sporting activities, nature walks, cycling, head-space sessions, sessions on health and positive relationships, helping neighbours, volunteering as peer supporters/mentors, completing their Saltire Awards, gaining certificates in first aid, hygiene and more, learning horticultural skills, helping with pre-5s sessions, helping in the community café, helping lead youth activities, learning health and beauty skills and finally learning about mental health and how to manage emotions.</p>	Healthy, Enterprising, Connected

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Voluntary Action Shetland	£72,735.00	3	Shetland Islands	Shetland Islands	This group will use the funding to continue their Peer Mentoring project beyond its pilot year and to deliver their OPEN Up youth café nights for Shetland's most vulnerable and hard-to-reach young people. Over three years these opportunities in volunteering, receiving peer support, and being able to socialise and talk about difficult issues in a safe space will enable young people to become more resilient, improve their wellbeing and help them become more involved in their community.	Healthy, Connected
Volunteering Matters	£99,996.00	3	Clackmannanshire	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	The group will use the funding to deliver a programme that currently operates in Wales and promotes positive mental health amongst young people. This peer led project will help alleviate stress, anxiety and low mood amongst 900 young people aged 11-24 years from across Clackmannanshire. 45 peer volunteers will deliver the project over 3 years with coordination being undertaken by a Volunteer Manager.	Healthy

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West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust	£43,050.00	3	West Dunbartonshire	Dumbarton	This group will use the funding to establish a sports coaching academy for young people aged 14 to 20 years in West Dunbartonshire. 162 young people will be recruited onto the Coaching Academy, completing a range of training and coaching courses, whilst supporting delivery of sports session, ultimately progressing to becoming qualified coaches and leading sports sessions themselves. More experienced participants will peer-mentor younger participants. The young coaches will be supported by West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust's Active Schools Team, teachers and coaching staff from community-based sports clubs to participate in this three year out-of-school programme.	Enterprising
Total	£4,537,840					
	£73,190.97					
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