

# Our Story

Glasgow's North-East Youth Empowerment Charity
April 2012 to March 2014



Display in Glenburn Youth Club showing Young person achieving



Young Volunteers from YoMo and the Glenburn centre supporting the commonwealth fun day



Young Volunteers supporting the development of YouthBank National

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## Project Coordinator's review

I am delighted to report that YoMo is 10 years old in 2014 and has achieved more than it could have imagined at the start in 2004. We are supporting three successful grant committees that cover the North East of Glasgow, now the most successful YouthBank in the UK. YouthBank still holds the values of 10 years ago in supporting young people to engage and develop youth led community activity for the regeneration of the local community.

This year we have worked hard to recognise the work of our volunteers with an formal dress Awards Night. On the night all our volunteers received a recorded of achievement folder with there many accredited certificates and a personalised reference of their skills and achievements which, the young people can be use for an employability or further education reference.

Our Youth Achievement Awards programme has expanded to support 30 youth and community groups to develop procedures within their organisations to deliver these awards.

The Peer Education Anti Bullying programme has been a great success within local schools and community groups, they better understand the impact of Bullying Behaviours and create a policy to appropriately challenge this behaviour.

We have moved again to accommodate our growing service, we are delighted to based back in Easterhouse . The Glenburn office allows us to have desks for our staff team and space for young people to pop in for chats or to work on projects they are developing. We would like to thank Easthall Residentials Association for embracing YoMo and its needs.

To cerebrate the commonwealth games coming to Glasgow we successfully managed a grass roots legacy programme increasing young peoples involvement in the games through our YouthBank legacy programme.

### **YouthBank**

YouthBank - an innovative grant making scheme run by young people for young people



In 2013/14 YouthBank received 148 applications which our Youth Grant Makers have to:-

- Read the Applications
- Decided if the application meets the criteria for funding
- Email the applicants for Interview
- Set Questions for Interview
- Interview Applicants
- Decided if the Application has to be awards a grant
- Telephone and email applications of the outcome
- Complete paper work of awarded/unsuccessful grants
- Collect Monitoring Information and evaluate the outcomes

Our 60 Young Grant Makers work extremely hard to ensure Youth-Bank grants impact on their local community. Developing skills, qualifications and experience as they process the applications.

Our YouthBank committees meet at least once a week to administer the grants and at weekends or school holidays for training and development.

148 grant received

35 successful grants awarded

Over 240 young people involved in the development of the application and attending the interviews

Over 4,000 young people benefiting from the successful grants

### **YouthBank**

YouthBank:Supporting
young people to
engage and
regenerate their
local community



Royston Youth Action is one of the many youth projects in the North that has benefited from the extension of the Youth-Bank service to the North of Glasgow.

Over the last two years RYA have received 6 YouthBank grants; Garden project, equipment to support young people to gain their Duke of Edinburgh Award, Health Cooking Class, charity football match, a girls sports club, Christmas Trip and taster sport sessions.



## H48 Royston Youth Action – Girls Sport Club Award £100 for class tuition, water and transport

A group of girls got money for them to go and use the spin equipment at the Brunswick Centre, 8 girls took part in a three week programme. The girls have moved on from this now and created a three months fitness session to get fitter and healthier.

"I was happy that I was getting money for my friends in the girl's sports club" young person's quote.



## Commonwealth Grants





"6 Young people took part in the rowing programme, which consisted of a 3 day accredited course in rowing. From the YP taking part they learned a number of different skills including team working, communication and learning how to row. The YP have had the opportunity to take part in future lessons and have been given the opportunity to continue through active east."



Tricking is a physical sport that requires focus and determination. The young people took the sport seriously and overcame their fears and gained confidence and skills in the process.

The tricking was a great success overall. Twelve young people took part in the twelve week programme the young people enjoyed it that much they applied for money to get it extended for another twelve weeks

Some of the young people lost weight through the programme and took up other active activities in their spare time. Some young people thought more about their eating habits and are now eating healthier

### Youth Achievement Awards

Youth Achievement
Awards - peer-assessed
awards giving
recognition to the
achievement and
contribution of young
people in the North East
of Glasgow's



"I am continually impressed by the numbers of Awards that YoMo manages to support either directly or through their support to partner Agencies and the positive impact this is having on young people in the North East of Glasgow. It is incredible what a relatively small, but dedicated and highly motivated staff team are achieving" Quote from George Cherry Senior awards Development Worker Youth Scotland

Awards	2012-2013	2013-2014
DYA	412	733
YAA		
Bronze	50	119
Silver	1	8
Gold	6	0
Platinum	0	2

YoMo's Youth Achievement Programme supports 30 local youth and community projects to deliver Youth Achievement or Dynamic Youth Awards.

YoMo offer support to train staff and volunteers to deliver the awards to help originations link there work to the awards and develops staff skills to ensure a robust moderation process within each organisation.

Five years ago these awards where not being widely delivered in the North East of Glasgow YoMo has supported organisations to increased the delivery of these awards across the area. Increasing the attainment and skills of young people.

#### Anti Bullying Programme

## YoMo's Anti Bullying programme was launched on the 26th March 2013

The programme has now been delivered in St Andrew's secondary school, Fuse Youth Café, Glenburn Youth Club, Pavilion Youth Club, PEEK and Connects community trust.

#### Aim of the training

Young people to deliver Anti-Bullying training as peer education programmed is a bottom up approach to raise awareness of bullying behaviours

To assist organisations on developing or updating their antibullying policy

Young person develops resources within the organisation e.g.

Create information leaflets or posters Signposting Establish a key worker Staff awareness



The programme was well received and through the evaluation organisations told us that they would like training for staff and under 12's in there junior Youth Club.

We have developed these programme and now offer antibullying programmes:-

Peer Education Programme Staff Training

Under 12's creative in information sessions.



Young people have told us that they understand more what bullying behaviours are and the effects they have on people.

"I never thought ignoring someone was bullying"

"I want to stop bullying now"

YoMo is proud to list the training staff have participated / achieved :-

PDA in Youth Work, PVG, Emotional Literacy, SVQ Level 3 in Youth Work, Respect Anti Bullying, Peer Education, Young Persons Frist Aid Mental Health, Child Protection, Young Grant Making, Decision Making, Youth Achievement Awards, Midas,



Georgia has been involved with YoMo for only 8 months this is what she has to say "I have completed a silver Youth Achievement Award which recognises the volunteering I have done with YoMo. I am just beginning my gold award.

I have learned a lot of skills whist at YoMo such as Interview, communication, group work, decision making and IT skills. Through a weekend residential at the Summer skills Academy I achieved a qualification for Decision Making at SCQF level 5. I am also a qualified as a young grant maker at level 5.

I have been involved in development days were we make decisions about YoMo and day trips as a reward for volunteering and this is a great chance to meet up with everyone.

I get a lot out of being a young grant maker, I have increased my confidence and interview skills which helped me get successfully into college. YoMo have met my needs by giving me lots to get involved with and involving me in a lot of training to put on my CV.

## Recognition



## YoMo's 2013 Awards Ceremony

Over the last year, over **50** volunteers gave their valuable time and expertise to make YoMo possible. Volunteers committed over **2000** volunteer hours to make an impact in their communities. These volunteers are changing their communities for the better and we are incredibly proud to be supporting their work.

**20** young people attended receiving their awards and Record of Achievement portfolios which were made up of an employer's reference, personal profile and a wide range of certificates, with most volunteers having **3** or more certificates.

The certificates awarded included:

Introduction of Young Peoples Grant Making, SCQF Level 5
Developing Decision Making Skills, SCQF Level 5
Preparing to Volunteer, SQA unit
Bronze, Silver and Gold Youth Achievement Awards
Saltire Awards
Board Meeting Training
Heart Start
Anti-Bullying Peer Educator Certificates



## The impact of YouthBank grants

"Our youth club had next to nothing no activities no resources or materials. Young people had very little to stimulate them but through the years the young people have applied to YouthBank building up resources and building up a youth facility and using the funds to increase activities within the Centre young people to attend as appose to trips, the Glenburn Youth Clubs now have approx. just over 100 young people using the centre every week this includes or local football team who have also been supported with YouthBank.

YouthBank have supported many project over the years that has improved our health and wellbeing with small exercise equipment funds towards fitness, dance, we have a cooking project which builds up our cooking skills we gained a food and hygiene certificate, our cooking/selling food has lead us on to having small profits to maintain our cooking project and start our own tuck shop with the profit being used in our youth club.

YouthBank doesn't only give funds YouthBank has been part of young peoples learning new skills along the way simple things like prioritising what would benefit their community and encourage more young people to use the centre, they have learned how to promote inclusion by finding out what everyone was interested it has learned young people respect and appreciation.

Most importantly it has allowed the young people the opportunity to develop in many ways, our young people have grown into young adults who now volunteer within their community.

Without the support of YouthBank our youth clubs and young people would not be taking part in the many activities that have helped them to progress."

Quote from Libby Brown Senior Youth Worker from The Glenburn Centre





## The next chapter

YoMo has gone from strength to strength with the increase in demand for our services driving us forward. To mark our 10th birthday we are planning to review the YouthBank application process to incorporate the changes to the delivery of youth and community work. We will be looking for funding to:

- Consultation with services users to gain knowledge of what parts of the exciting application process works and the parts that could be improved
- Community Mapping exercise to increase young grant makers knowledge of the needs and services in the area
- Redesign of the application process with new criteria and priorities developed through the consultation and community mapping exercises
- Develop a Peer Mentoring/Education programme for our long serving Young Grant Makers to develop theit skills and build the capacity of YouthBank

To build on our Youth Achievement Consortium we plan to develop:

- Small working groups that offers support for Young People to achieve a Platinum Award.
- Explore and develop new partnerships in the quest to increase the delivery of these awards

#### Our Thanks

We have achieved so much in the last two years but couldn't have done it without the financial support of the following organisations to whom we are extremely grateful:









Our volunteers and partner organisations are also crucial to our success and we thank them for their support and contribution to our work. There are too many to mention but include Youth Scotland, YouthBank Scotland, PEEK, Active East, FARE, Bolt FM,H4U,Royston Youth Action, Play Busters, Brunswick Youth Centre, Glasgow Life, A&M Training, Easthall Residents Ass, Connect Trust and many many more



