

AGM 2024 Youth Report

Youth Clubs & Drop In

-Numbers have been steady over the last year. Thursdays and Fridays have continued to become a great source of engagement with some of the more troublesome young people recognized in the community. It's a great encouragement from us and partnering organizations with some of those we have in attendance at these Youth Clubs which is an ongoing testimony to the provision and facility of The Shed. I am keen to develop / relaunch Thursdays and Fridays to bridge more of the gap between others who attend the Nicolson and don't attend The Shed which I will be in upcoming discussion with the Youth Team. We recently took a group to Ness for bowling and pizza, and the essence of being able to bless those that attend our youth clubs brings alive our organizations motto in a real way to those in our community who greatly benefitted from it.

Schools Work

-The Shed's involvement in our local schools continues to grow and develop beyond expectation. This past year has seen the pupil support develop and expand with the P7 Club in the Primary Schools, Mentoring in the Nicolson, Pilot Project and work with the Promise Bid. We continue to work with the school staff, local authority and partnering agencies to support the pupils ranging from P7-S6. Shaina and Sophie are delivering the P7 Club Program to the pupils in Stornoway Primary and Laxdale School and they do so with an excellent standard. The Mentoring support in the Nicolson has continued to develop and the Pilot Project has been running successfully again for it's second year. I have more requests and referrals for work to increase within the schools, but we will manage this as best as we can with our capacity.

Mentoring

-We are carrying out Mentoring to the majority of our own youth group with the addition of some pupils in the Primary schools and the Nicolson. This aspect of the Youth Work continues to be a significant aspect of our services for the relational support we are able to provide on an individual basis which has been made even more evident this past year. Particularly with new young people who join the youth group, this affords us the unique

opportunity to build relationship with them and ease their transition into the group. In regards to the Mentoring provided directly in school, this is an ongoing and increasing demand which is credit to The Shed's work but also something I am managing in regards to current capacity.

Youth Staff Team

-The Shed Youth Team are an ongoing testimony to the work of The Shed. Shaina and Sophie continue to develop in their role and the delivery of their work to an exceptional standard. I am continually grateful for their support, especially in the past year of my transition to Youth Pastor of Martins Memorial and Youth Manager of The Shed. I am also incredibly grateful for our Youth Interns, Sam and Joe, who have taken their role to another level in their support of the growing Youth Work of The Shed, their support to me in my role and their development in their own skills and delivery of work. I am increasingly indebted to our Youth Team and the outstanding work they continue to provide.

Awakening Youth Ministries

-Having brought the Awakening Youth Conference to the mainland, this is also the year of launching the Awakening Youth Ministries. I will be launching this over the coming months online once I have finalized the content plan for 2024-2025 to prepare for the young people we hope to engage with nationally. There has already been a great response and eager desire for partnership with other churches and ministries which is an even greater testimony to God's hand that is over this ministry before it's officially operating.