

# Love Local Conference

Dalmellington Community Centre

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January

Janice Hendry

Chief Executive and Founder of yipworld

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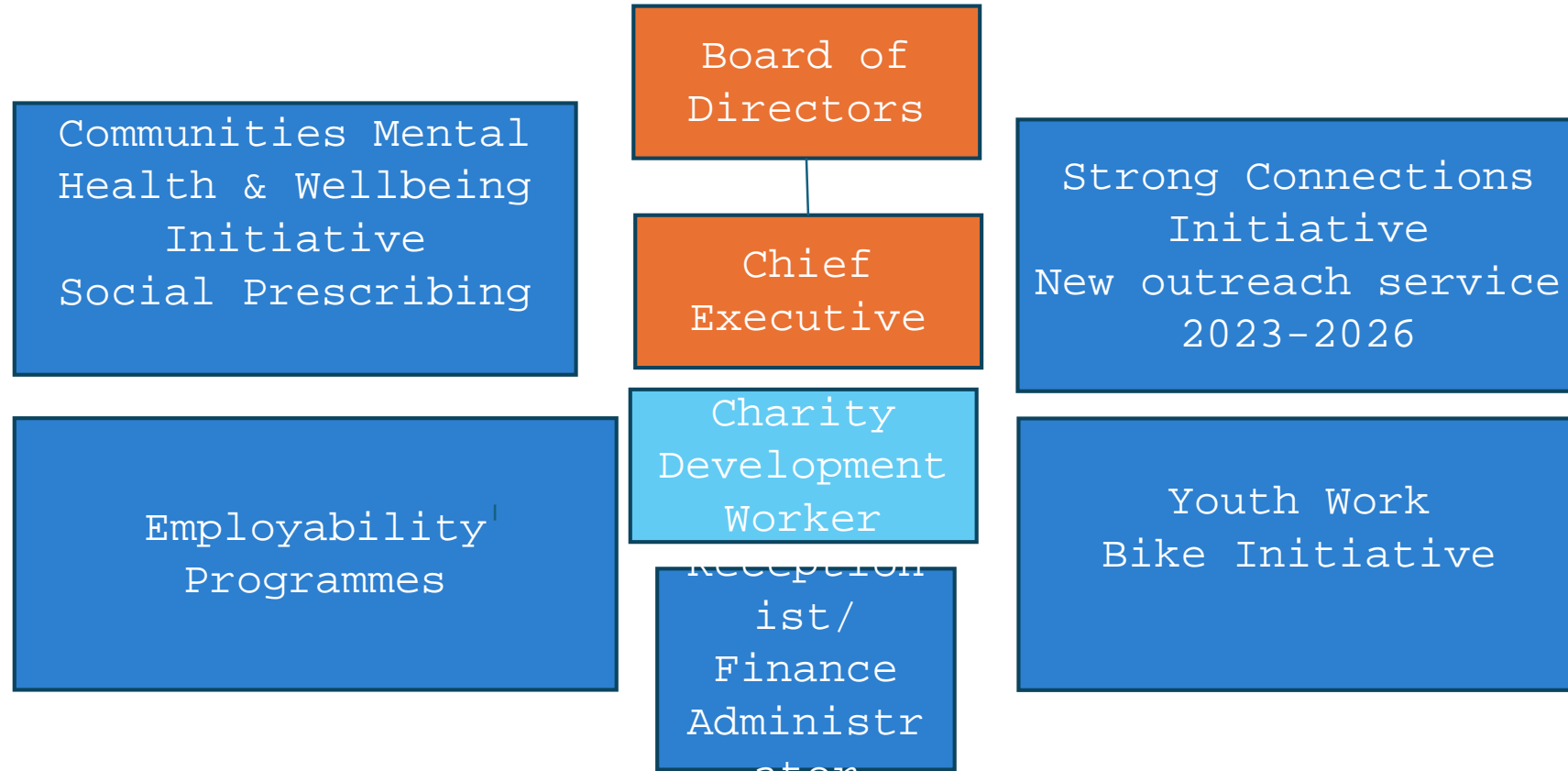
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# Organisational Structure



# Youth Work Service

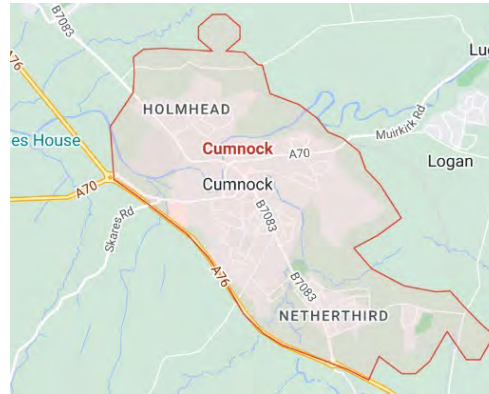
- A safe warm environment focused on health and wellbeing; friendship and inclusion
- A wide range of formal and informal activities for children and young people during evenings and weekends
- The Bike Hoose Initiative
- Life skills
- Trips and visits



# Special Youth Work Projects

## It's a Small World

- Youth Exchange between Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Young people up to age 16 years
- Exchanging ideas and local cultures of youth work
- Funded by Community Fund Awards for All



**Cumnock; The Scottish Borders; Isle of Skye and Northern Ireland Youth Groups**

# Social Prescribing

- Social Prescribing
  - G.P.'s and other NHS professionals; DWP; SDS & Education department refer individuals with low level mental health issues; obesity; diabetes etc., to reduce their dependency on health service and help them to engage with their community as a means of building confidence and self-belief
- Low level mental health issues including stress; depression; loneliness; anxiety etc
- Referrals from General Practitioner or NHS professional (e.g., mental health nursing staff etc.) only
- 3 months support

# The Living Room

- The Living Room – simple but has a lot of meaning – used for mindfulness
- Emphasis on the word Living
  - Feeling safe, loved, included and protected. Being confident to deal with life and resilient enough to deal with adversity
- *"a room in a house for general everyday use with a comfortable living room with sofas, chairs, TV and a dining table"*





# Our Future Now

## - Inspiring Scotland

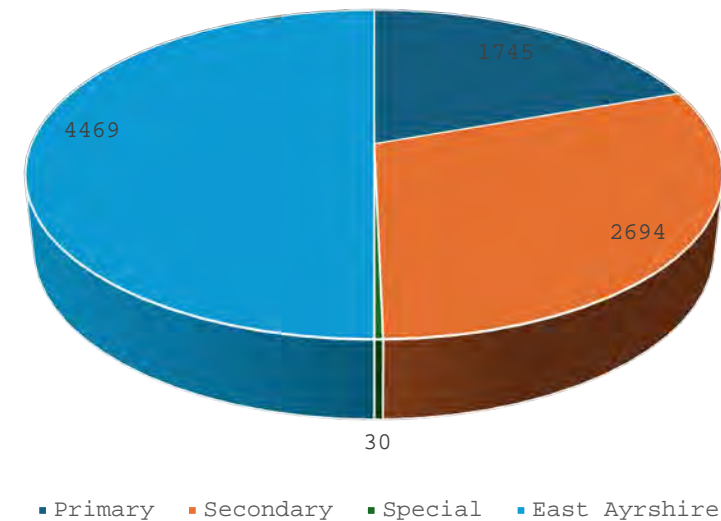
- Original investment (originally from 14:19 Fund)
- Aged 14 to 25 years not in education, employment or training
- Programme to suit the needs of the young person
- One to one support/mentoring and provision of 'hands on' learning opportunities
- Focus on Positive Destinations
  - Mainstream education
  - Volunteering
  - Further Education
  - Employment



# Background to the Skills Shop

- The impact of the Pandemic and school pupils
- Truancy or unexplained absence in East Ayrshire Schools
- Inspiring Scotland investment cohort reduced to age 14 years (S3 pupils) as a means of earlier intervention of age 16 years

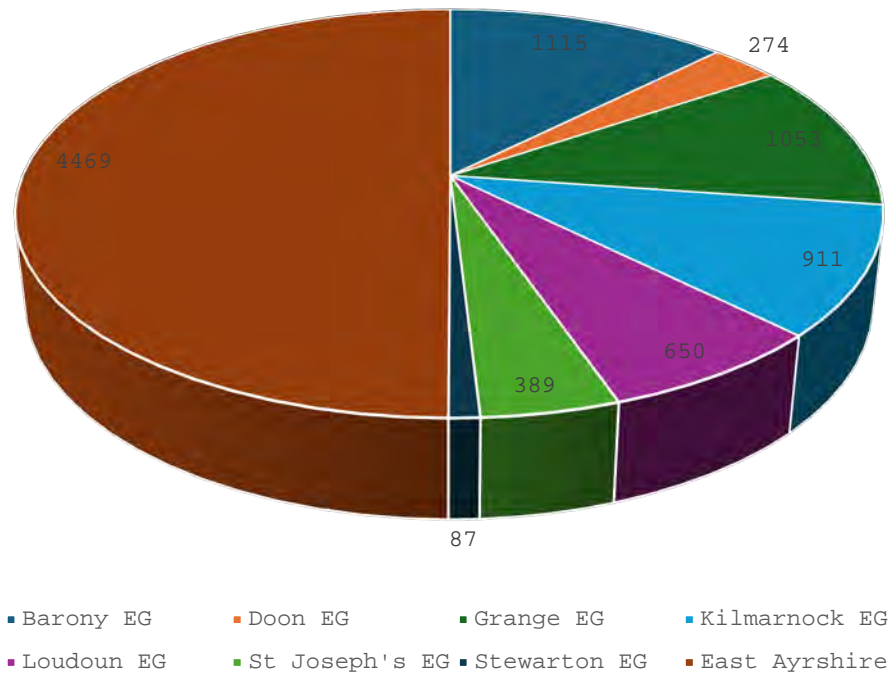
Pupils with truancy or unexplained absence  
three year period 2019/2020;  
2020/2021; 2021/2022





# Background - continued

Pupils with unexplained absence or truancy by secondary education establishment



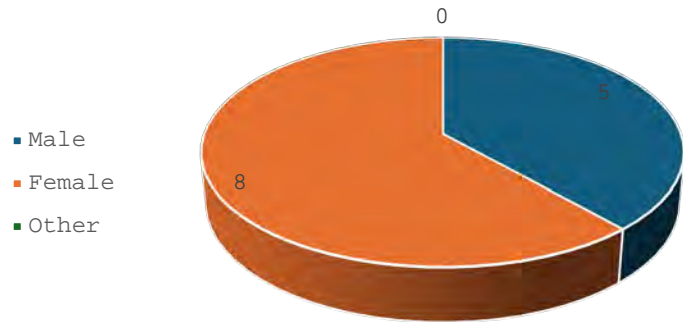
- yipworld focus on Barony Campus S3 and S4 ages 14/15 years
- Meeting with Peter Gilchrist previous Head Teacher of B.C. and his team of Deputes and Guidance Staff in June 2023
- Programme delayed until mid October 2023 due to logistics and administration challenges

# Challenges

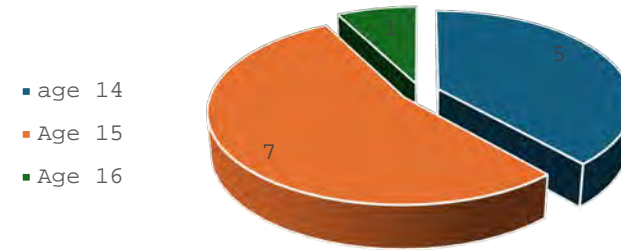
- Communication
  - Guidance staff
    - Referrals - names and parental consent forms
  - Parents
    - To give assurance their child would be safer in yipworld than not
  - Young People
    - Anxiety and fear of crowds
    - Lack of confidence
    - Little or no aspirations
    - Unwillingness to learn
- 21 referrals received
- Open day for further information
- Door to door consultation with parents/carers
- Completed the parental consent form to reduce impact on time
- 13 attended and continue to attend on a weekly basis

# Referrals

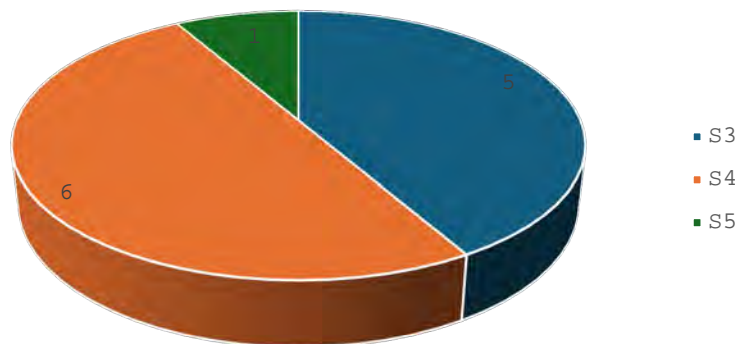
Skills Shop  
Male/Female/Other



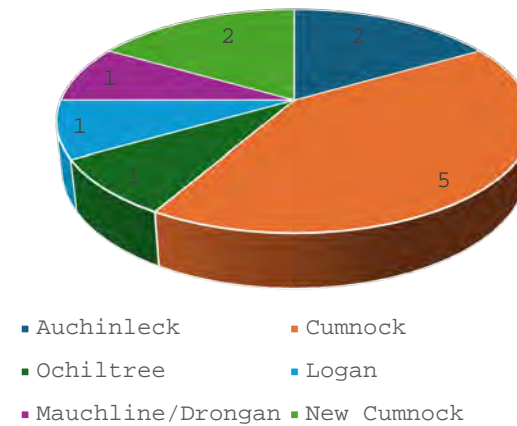
Skills Shop by age



Skills Shop by Secondary Year



Skills Shop by Location



# Yipworld monitoring Questionnaire

11. What do you want to do when you leave school?

S4 leaver and go to college to study business

Demolition/const  
ruction

Tatto artist or hair  
and beauty

Nails and eyelash  
beautician

Music

Career or work  
with kids

joine  
ry

Join the  
RAF

Don't know

Work experiece with Dad -  
electrician

Mechanic

Joine  
r

Work with horses -  
work on a farm

15. Do you discuss your attendance at Skills Shop with anyone else?

Mum

Parents ask me what I do  
here (at yipworld)

Mum

Mum - tell her what I have  
been doing all day

Yes (no  
comment)

No

Yes (attends school for  
50 minutes per day)

Dad

Yes (no  
comment)

Yes - Mum attends attendance  
meetings at school

Yes - Mum. I send a picture  
to prove I am here

Yes.

Sometimes

Mum

13. Explain further about  
your feelings

Worried about being  
attacked

Frustrated with no  
help for ADHD

Low mood, not wanting to be there -  
annoyed at going

Anxious, always  
watching my back

Some days are better  
than others

Draining and always  
annoyed

Can't be bothered  
with anything

No

response

Scary and  
intimidating

Negative because  
staff didn't listen

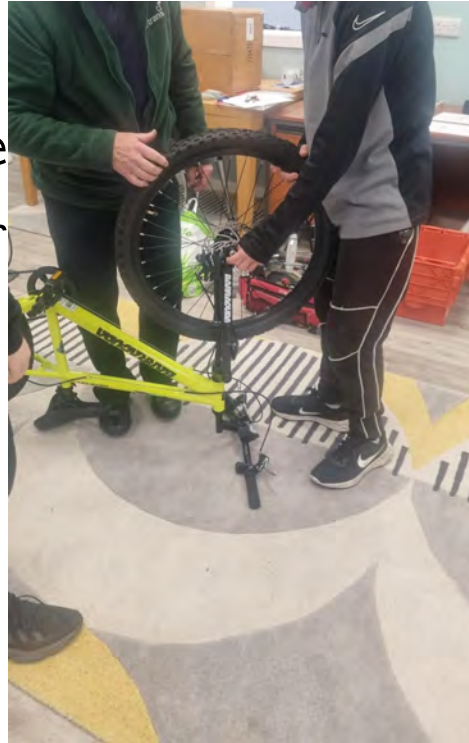
Anxious. I struggle to ask fo rhelp. I'm  
not good at talking to people

No motivation and just  
want to leave

Upset

# The Skills Shop Programme – what we offer

- **For pupils S3 and S4**
- Gardening and Ground Maintenance
- Upcycling furniture
- Health, wellbeing beauty
- Cycling and bike maintenance
- Life skills – cooking; baking; money management











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# How is this resourced?

## Place based investment fund

- Grant application submitted
- Reviewed and approved by Cabinet
- Total application £13,500>
  - Capital cost - £6,700
- In-kind provision of staff time and resource matched with Inspiring Scotland Our Future Now Fund
- Pilot project
  - Mid-term review March 2024

## Operationally

- Garden equipment
  - Domestic lawnmowers
  - Leaf Blowers
  - Strimmers
  - Tools
- Hair and Beauty
  - Hairdryers
  - Straighteners

# What are the opportunities

## For young people

- Structure and focus on their mainstream education
- Increased confidence
- Improved motivation and aspirations
- Building positive relationships with the community
- Ultimately positive destination in training or employment

## For yipworld

- Garden maintenance small Social enterprise initiative
- 'The Shed' and opportunities to work in partnership
- Training opportunities via Public Contracts Scotland
- Create employment opportunities for young people

# Contact

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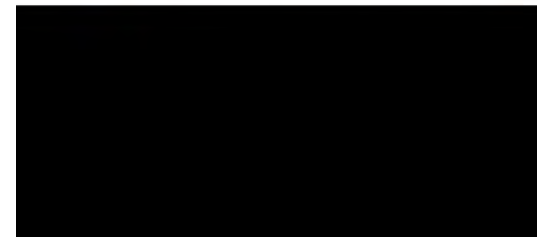
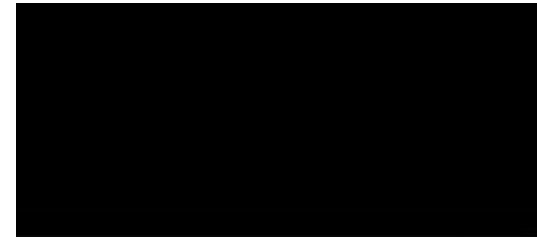
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