

Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar
Social & Community Services Department

Community Education Service
Seirbheis Foghlam Coimhearsnachd

Annual Report 2010/11

Promoting & Providing Opportunities For Community Learning



Achievement Through Learning For Adults

Community Based Adult Learning (CBAL)

- Funding secured for a Community Learning Inclusion project targeting young people, excluded women and older people
- A “Learning Zone” has been established in Stornoway Library
- A total of 93 classes ran in 2010/11 (Uists & Benbecula 24, Barra 5, Lewis & Harris 64) with 610 students.
- An average of 88% of students achieved one or more of their learning outcomes.

Adult Literacy and Numeracy (ALAN)

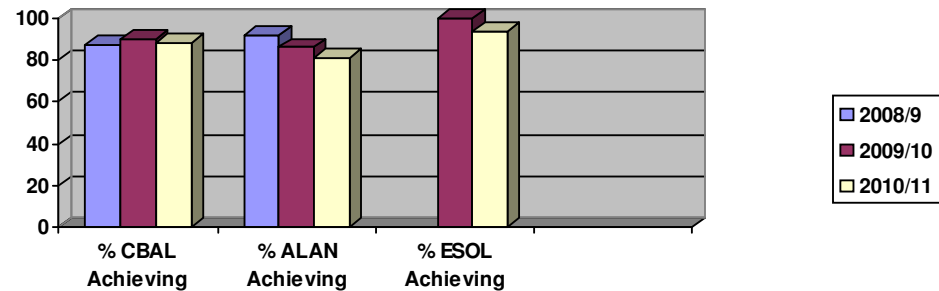
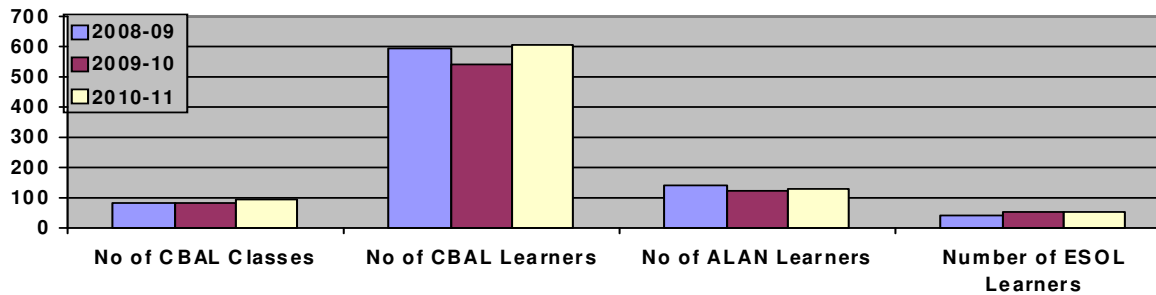
- Provision includes Gaelic Homework Groups, Gaelic workplace Literacy Support, Senior Phase Transition Learning with the Nicolson Institute and work with Dyslexia Scotland

- 127 learners accessed literacy & numeracy provision in 2010/11
- Approximately 81% of learners achieved one or more of their learning outcomes
- 2 Tutors successfully undertook the post-grad TQAL qualification

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

- 26 ESOL learners have worked on ESOL For Work qualifications at Access 2, Access 3 and Intermediate 1 and this has helped to increase their employability
- 5 learners have participated in a Beginners Literacy group with 1 learner having already moved into employment

Performance Indicators



“In doing maths and getting to the goals I can with it, it shows I can achieve things I thought I couldn’t do – I am more confident in my learning abilities and with helping my son with homework”

“I am reading books and spelling, using a dictionary and using the computer. I passed my driving theory test.”

“I took part in a role play interview. I was nervous but enjoyed it.”

“I have already been asked to work at the school with the P1 Gaelic class. I refused the first time but after coming here for a few weeks I felt able to do it.”

“I was signed off with depression and it has helped me. I think it should be advertised in the doctors.”

“It has given me confidence to do up forms and things like that.”

“I am more confident speaking and have started volunteering at the Red Cross shop two days a week – it has helped me get this job”



Achievement Through Learning For Young People

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Pointers Youth Café & Outreach

- Hebridean Celtic Festival 'Youth Chill Out Zone' – 159 young people accessed this service. 75 Sexual Health Information Packs given out.
- A Pointers facilities questionnaire showed that over 88% of participants felt safer as a result of attending Pointers and over 90% felt that Pointers staff did enough to support young people in relation to alcohol intervention and prevention
- An inspection of services to protect children and young people in Comhairle nan Eilean Siar highlighted Pointers Young Mums Group as an example of good practice
- 18 young people participated in Pointers Under 16's Group
- Outreach Staff had 3,326 contacts with young people which led to 840 interventions
- Out of the 34 young people who engaged and participated in the survey 17 young people report feeling increased confidence and self esteem. 26 young people feel that they have achieved something. 15 young people stated that they are not so involved in risk taking behaviours as they now attend groups facilitated by Pointers/Outreach

Generic Youth Work

- Supported the HiFiRes Youth Training programme across the Western Isles
- P7 'Positive Choices' Transitional Events

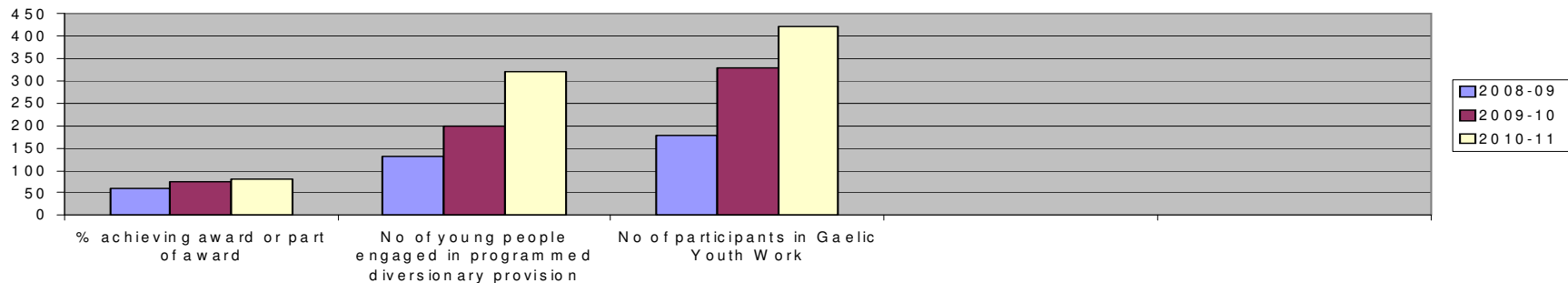
Youth Work in Schools

- Area 1 –Pupils took part in a Citizenship Programme in Sgoil a'Bhac Secondary and a Crofting Connections Programme in the Nicolson Institute where they are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- Area 2 –Pupils participated in a Crofting Connections Programme in Lionel Secondary School. Pupils also participated in a Cultural Connections Programme and Eco Schools Award.
- Area 3 – Pupils participated in a Crofting Connections Programme in Sgoil nan Loch.

Accredited Youth Work

- 122 young people started working towards the Dynamic Youth Award through participation in youth work in Schools.
- 95 young people achieved a full Duke of Edinburgh's Award or Section.
- 220 young people registered for Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- 10 young people working towards their Youth Achievement Award through the Lewis Youth Council.

Performance Indicators



“I learnt how to open a person’s airway”

“Being able to make a film in Gaelic is special as not many teenagers get this chance”

“I think Pointers is amazing. Without it we’d have nothing to do on the weekends. People would be out on the streets drinking, and maybe even worse. It’s a safe place to come to and there’s always people here to talk to if you need them.”

“It helped me get into college. I wrote a whole page about HiFiRes and they said my application was amazing”

“It was good and we learnt a lot from it, especially to co-operate more and work as a team no matter what, and support each other”

“If It wasn’t for the under 16’s group I would still be getting in trouble and stuff”



Achievement Through Building Community Capacity

Youth Democracy

- 82% of young people said that their confidence in public speaking increased as a result of taking part in this event while 94% agreed that the event has helped them to generally be more confident.
- 91% of young people agreed that they would now be able to make a greater contribution in their local community with 85% of people saying they now had an increased understanding of the responsibilities that they have in their communities.
- 2 Youth Councils members attended a Sitting at the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) to gain knowledge that would underpin a funding submission to secure long term Western Isles youth representatives at SYP

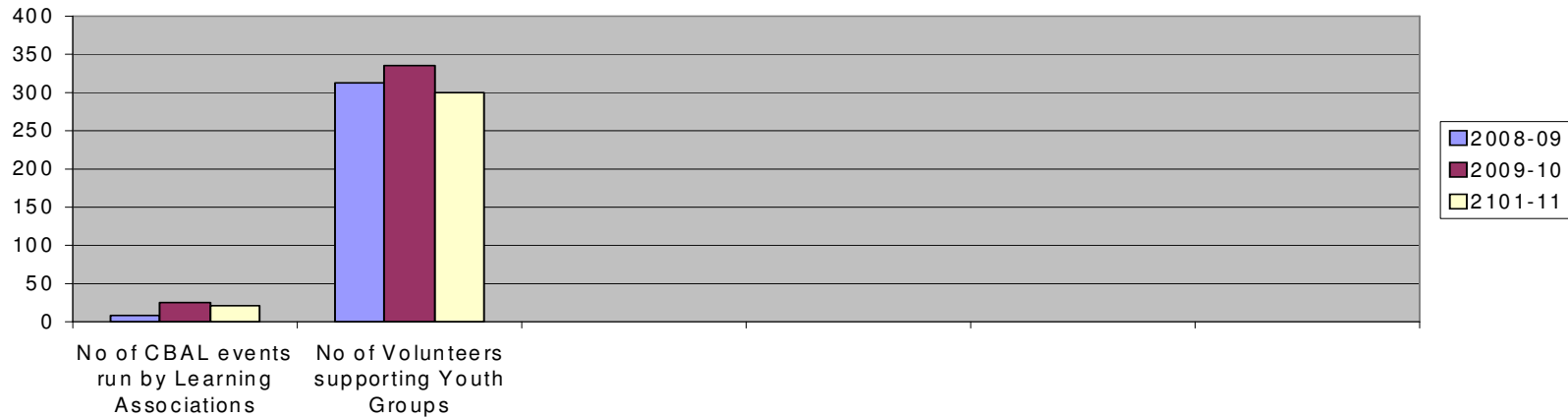
Community Groups and Events Supported

- Dyslexia Scotland Hebrides
- Battle of the Bands
- Spors Nis
- Learning Associations
- Feisean

Other Capacity Building

- Provided Youth Leader training

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“It’s increased my knowledge of how we can relate to councillors.”

“Whilst waiting to get a job, it is good to volunteer as it will show future employees motivation. It’s also good to help others”

“I got involved in the Youth Council when I was 15, I became a volunteer with Community Education. I went on to study ‘Working with Communities’ and I am now going to study Community Learning and Development in Strathclyde University”

“As a result of my work with Community Education I recently became a Youth Legacy Ambassador”

“This gave me the experience to find out what I wanted to study and helped me get accepted into my course”

“I would volunteer for more things as a result – it gave me the confidence to apply for jobs”

“I find it easier to talk to people I don’t know. I have learned about organising events and intend to volunteer at Sounds at the Grounds”

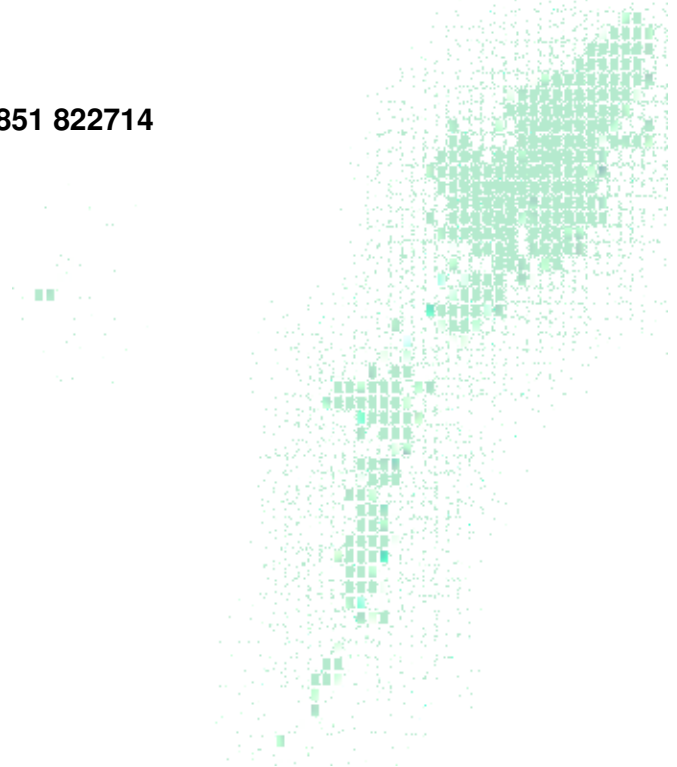
“Taking part in battle of the bands helped me build up my confidence with not just playing as part of a band live, but also taking part within other musical activities throughout Stornoway, and from a young age too. I have been fortunate enough to win two battle of the bands and gone on to play at T in the park, Rockness, Belladrum and had my bands demos play on Radio 1 for 3 consecutive weeks.”



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