



# FACENorth Newsletter

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Mon	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Monday Boys S4s
Thu	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm	Ride Safe North Project 14-17yrs
Thu	8.00 pm - 10.00 pm	8 Til L8 15+
Thu	10.00 pm - 3.00 am	Midnight and Beyond 15+ (Fortnightly)
W/ end	Various	Residentials, Football matches, cycling trips etc.
Other	Various	Fishing, nature walks, outdoor activities, gardening groups, community clean ups, and much more...

## DID YOU KNOW?



### SPOTLIGHT ON:

FACENorth have over 60 young people that access support and attend groups. **Camas Football Match**

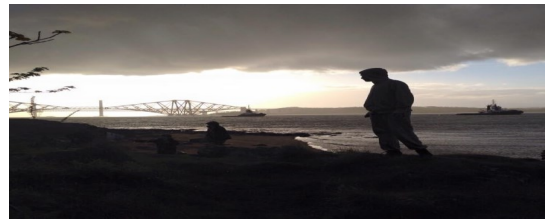
### WE URGENTLY NEED HELP:

In order to run our programmes we require the use of a minibus or help to fund the hire costs of one. Our Midnight and Beyond Sessions (running 10pm – 3am) are currently on hold due to not having access to a minibus anymore. We hope to get this up and running soon as it's always what's needed and wanted for the young men. **If you can help us please get in touch...**



"If it wasn't for FACENorth then I would still be getting into trouble and have nothing to do"

"James and Katie have helped me get into college and been there whenever I need them. My mates all get help from them too and they give us stuff to do so we aren't bored".



**What is FACENorth? (Focussing on Alternatives to Crime Edinburgh North)**

FACENorth delivers a varied and needs-led work based programme to an identified group at risk of crime, anti-social behaviour, social exclusion and alienation and who are unable to commit to programmes.

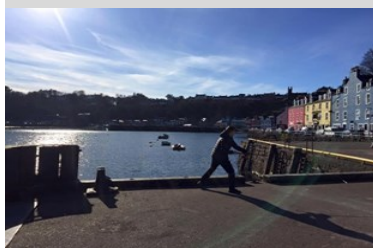
The young men will be supported to reach their full potential, develop skills for work and life and overcome additional barriers which will lead towards an increase in their capacity to engage and sustain further education, training or employment.

We encourage young people to engage in a range of activities and opportunities which will increase their confidence and self-esteem, as well as broaden their horizons and experiences.

## CAMAS (Isle of Mull) 25th—31st March

FACENorth took a group of young people to Camas on the Isle of Mull for a week to help the centre staff get ready to open for the season. This was called a 'Work Week' which involved the young people digging trenches so water from the hills would not flood the house, carrying a flat packed shed over the mile and a half trek over moorland and helping create foundations for the shed to be built on. The young people also helped with daily chores which involved doing dishes, cleaning bathrooms, maintaining poly tunnels that had fruit and vegetables in and feeding the ducks and chickens.

The young men got to visit other parts of the Isle of Mull including Tobermory where they visited the museum and tried some fishing off the dock. Fishing was enjoyed daily throughout our stay as they could fish from the doorstep of the centre. They got to enhance their skills and those who had never fished before were taught by the group.



We were part of daily reflections, which is when we have the chance to talk about how our day has been and what we achieved, enjoyed/didn't enjoy. This was an opportunity to all come together with the Camas staff and their volunteers who come from all over the world. Most nights were spent around the fire pit where we could reflect and get to know each other better. On our last night the young men were to decide on what reflection would be, the entertainment for the night and what we would have for dinner. So after they cooked us chicken curry and chocolate brownies for 25 people, we had a game of sardines in the dark. For reflection we wrote something down on a piece of paper that we wanted to change back home and threw it into the fire. We then wrote something positive that we enjoyed and put them into a bottle and threw it into the sea.

We would like to thank Scott Donkin from the North Edinburgh Local Office for his assistance in helping us hire a mini bus for this trip. And we would also like to thank West Granton Housing Cooperative for their generous donation to enable us to take the young people to Camas - with out this we would not have been able to do this residential. And of course a huge thank you to Camas for having us!



### What the young people said:

"Camas was minted"

"I'm proud of what I did like. Never thought I would do anything like that in my life. Looking forward to the future"

"If it wasn't for you (staff) I would never have had the chance to do something like this"

"Cheers for taking us"

## Scotland V Canada Football Match with the Monday Boys:

In March we attended the Scotland V Canada Football match at Easter Road. All of the young people had never attended an international football match before so this was a new experience. The final score was Scotland 1-1 Canada.

### What the young people said

"It's freezing but was good to come and watch the game"

"The fireworks at the start were minted"

"I would come back and watch another Scotland match, was really good"

