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**Young Start Scotland Awards April 2025**

**Number of Awards: 26  
 Total amount awarded: £2,123,029**

Organisation	Local Authority	Award	Project summary
Citymoves Dance Agency SCIO	Aberdeen City	£87,425	This project will deliver weekly dance sessions in Torry, Middlefield, Rosemount, Tillydrone and Cumming Park in Aberdeen. In addition the young people from each area will plan and fund an annual community arts event featuring touring performers in a local venue.
MacTaggart Youth and Communities Outreach Service	Argyll and Bute	£79,200	This group will use the funding to sustain their delivery of a varied programme of youth clubs across the Isle of Islay.
Project 81 Youth and Community Enterprise Ltd	Argyll and Bute	£99,340	This group will use the funding to engage young people, aged between 11-17 years of age, in a diverse programme of youth-led activities and learning opportunities. The person-centred, holistic youth programme will be supported by an experienced youth worker, 67 adult/young volunteers and provide a safe, supportive environment for the young people.
Edinburgh International Jazz & Blues Festival Ltd	City of Edinburgh	£93,000	The group would like funding to pay for a three year long, city wide, inclusive, multicultural youth arts initiative for children and young people age eight-24 years called 'RISE'.
Edinburgh Napier University Development Trust	City of Edinburgh	£80,000	This group will use funding to support delivery of their student ambassador programme. The project will employ care-experienced learners to work as ambassadors as they are uniquely positioned to advocate and lobby for change across our partnership and beyond.
Inspiring Scotland	City of Edinburgh	£78,181	The group will use the funding to enhance and deliver the young persons group InVoice that sits within the wider intandem mentoring programme for young people looked after at home and in a kinship care arrangement.
Jack Kane Centre Community Wing	City of Edinburgh	£94,360	The group will use the funding to work alongside young men age 11-21 years in the community to delivering a 16 week peer education programme which has been co-produced with the young people on the theme of positive masculinity.
Marine Conservation Society	City of Edinburgh	£80,223	The group will use the funding to deliver skills training to young people within a marine and coastal environment.
Stepping Stones (North Edinburgh)	City of Edinburgh	£61,740	This group will use three years funding to continue their support for young parents living in the North West of Edinburgh. Delivery will continue to be a mix of group work and one to one support. The programme encourages young parents to build confidence and self-esteem, develop new skills, reduce isolation and increase opportunities for further learning and employment for young parents.

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YMCA Edinburgh SCIO	City of Edinburgh	£98,217	This group will use the funding to support up to 40 young people each year in Leith, Edinburgh. Through the three-year project, young people aged between ten and 13 years of age, will be part of a youth forum to campaign and advocate for a better environment and better local services. The young people as activists will take an active role in community issues helping to shape local services and developments.
The Gatehouse Bunker (SCIO)	Dumfries and Galloway	£71,051	This group will use the funding to continue to provide a range of activities based at its premises in Gatehouse of Fleet for all ages up to young adulthood. Young people will participate in and lead on activities and events in the local community, building their confidence and skills.
Giving Back	Dundee City	£32,870	This three-year project, known as The Youth Employability Programme, aims to enhance employment opportunities for young people in Broughty Ferry while also promoting their well-being and independence. The programme specifically supports young people with disabilities, helping them transition into a supported work environment.
Hillcrest Futures Ltd	Dundee City	£94,575	The group's three-year 'Activity Hub' project will establish and develop a range of activities at their Hub in Dundee, for young people aged between 16 and 24 years with additional needs.
Falkirk Football Community Foundation	Falkirk	£98,544	The group will use funding to work with young people with learning disabilities aged 16-24 years, delivering two 36-week programmes of learning and personal development. Using sport and physical activity as a catalyst for promoting positive change, the group will combine certificated SQA Units within curriculum areas with practical based physical activity sessions.
Clued Up Project	Fife	£99,657	This group will use the funding to facilitate a comprehensive 'youth friendly' substance use support/information service to young people 11-24 years of age, in Fife. It provides education, prevention, and diversion for young people affected by their own or someone else's substance use.
Beatson Cancer Charity	Glasgow City	£82,950	This group will use funding to deliver a podcast by and for teenagers and young adults (TYA) experiencing cancer. The young people will lead the project group driving planning, content development and delivery.
Children First	Glasgow City	£100,000	This group will use the funding to deliver a two year programme of groupwork, workshops and events for 50 kinship care experienced children and young people, aged eight-14 years, living in Glasgow.
Gilded Lily Inspiring Enterprise CIC	Glasgow City	£47,690	This group will use the funding to deliver confidence and skills building workshops for young girls aged 12-18 years over the next two years. They will also hold drop-in sessions to offer wrap around support for the young women and girls taking part. The project will support 60 young people and six volunteers from Glasgow, particularly the Govan area.
Glasgow Council on Alcohol	Glasgow City	£100,000	This project will train and support 750 young people in Glasgow to become Peer Educators, leading workshops on substance misuse and mental health awareness.

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One Community Scotland	Glasgow City	£99,435	This group will use the funding over two years to support 60 young ethnic minority people aged 14-21 years of age in Glasgow. Young people will come to the project for support with social exclusion, substance abuse, and barriers to education and employment, and will be given opportunities to build skills and develop leadership.
Lochview Rural Training	Highland	£29,150	This group will use the funding to deliver a range of rural, land-based learning, training and career opportunities to young people based in Sutherland. Participants, aged 16-25 years, will gain hands on experience across subjects including animal husbandry, conservation and biodiversity. In addition, one to one employability training will be offered.
Youth Highland SCIO	Highland	£60,000	This group will use the funding to support young people in their member clubs, to design, set up and run youth led projects in their local communities. A Project Leader will support four groups per year to develop and deliver their projects, which will have an enterprising element to support sustainability.
Logos Centre Ltd	Perth and Kinross	£100,000	This group will use funding to continue their work, providing a variety of activities and services to young people aged 11-25 years. The project will be based from established youth hubs in Crieff and Auchterarder and will support young people across Strathearn and Strathallan.
Renfrew YMCA SCIO	Renfrewshire	£60,577	This group will use the funding to deliver a youth leadership project for young people aged eight-17 years. The project will work with 230 young people over two years, and engage 45 volunteers to support delivery of activities.
Voluntary Action Shetland	Shetland Islands	£96,947	This project aims to increase young people's awareness of and access to volunteering opportunities throughout Shetland. The project will target young people aged eight to 24 years.
Ayr Gaiety Partnership	South Ayrshire	£97,897	This grant will fund an afterschool creative arts and confidence building programme for primary school age children in Ayr North, South Ayrshire.