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Pilton Youth & Children's Project
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MORE THAN A YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S PROJECT

Creating opportunities. Building Community. Making Memories



The Greenhouse, 33 West Pilton Brae, Edinburgh, EH4 4BH

2026, a year of opportunity, community and impact at PYCP

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Children's Project



Seven Days a Week at PYCP

More evenings. More opportunities. More reasons to get involved.

Thanks to new funding from CashBack for Communities, PYCP is now able to provide clubs, activities and trips every evening of the week.

For children and young people in our community, having somewhere safe and welcoming to go really matters.

It means more time with friends, trusted adults, new experiences and plenty to do.

By increasing our evening provision, we want to help tackle boredom and give young people positive alternatives to becoming involved in antisocial behaviour.

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7 DAYS A WEEK

Creating safe spaces, opportunities and positive experiences

Big Numbers. Big Energy. Big Smiles

Our Under 12s continue to keep us on our toes!

Before the Summer holidays our P5–P7 club became so popular that we had to split it into two groups after numbers reached up to 80 children.

Our clubs are about friendship and fun, with games, sports, arts and crafts, baking and lots of opportunities to try something new.



UP TO 80 *Children attending our P5-P7 Club each week before the Summer!*

"The best trip ever!"

Thanks to Hopscotch Holidays a group of our Under 12s enjoyed an unforgettable four night residential at Ardvullin House in the Highlands.

Activities included watersports, horse riding, games, adventures and lots of laughter made it a very special experience.

The children (and staff) returned exhausted, happy and full of memories.

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Described by the children who went on holiday as:

"THE BEST TRIP EVER!"

A Place to Be. A Place to Belong.

Our S1+ Drop Ins now run every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings with trips and activities on the weekends too.

Sports, baking, arts and crafts, trips out or simply spending time with friends are all part of the mix. It's a little louder than the Under 12s... but we wouldn't have it any other way.

As the colder, darker evenings arrive, having a warm, safe and welcoming place for young people to come becomes even more important.



A massive shout out to our Youth Committee

Working alongside local Police and Places for People, they have taken part in three community litter picks, helping look after the area that they live in.

Even better, they've given up some of their own school holiday time to do it.

Young People making a difference

School's Out. PYCP's In!

School holidays are some of our busiest and most exciting times.

From February and Easter through to six weeks of summer and October our holiday programmes have brought special clubs, activities, trips and plenty of treats!

This summer we included Surfing at Lost Shore, Water sports at Port Edgar, Fringe Shows, Treasure Hunts, Laser Quest, Park trips, Wildlife Parks and picnics.

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Our holidays aren't simply about keeping busy.
THEY ARE ABOUT GIVING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO TRY SOMETHING NEW AND CREATE HAPPY MEMORIES THAT LAST.

Food Brings Us Together

Whether it's toast after school, a hot snack at a club or a picnic lunch during the holidays, food is an important part of life at PYCP.

We make sure children and young people have something to eat when they're with us, we make sure that there is always something for them to eat and plenty of fruit and juice.

During our school holiday programmes we make and hand out around 100 lunches in a single day.

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GOOD FOOD. NEW TASTES. NO ONE MISSING OUT.

From autumn onwards we are doing more by encouraging children and young people to try new healthier choices. From fruit salads, wholemeal bread and pasta and try something different days.

Come In. Sit Down. Chat & Chill.

What started as an 8 week trial in February Chat & Chill has grown into something very special.

Thanks to further support from The One City Trust our Chat & Chill community club for adults can now continue for at least another year.

Each session includes a homemade lunch with recipes to take home and try alongside conversation, quizzes and creative activities.

We have already tried candle making and next up is cosmetics using natural products. Some of our creations will be sold at our Christmas Fair to raise funds for PYCP.

Anyone over 18 and up to 120 years old can come along to Chat & Chill, you don't need to have children attending the project or even be a parent. Everything is free, you don't need to pay. Come along and join us on a Wednesday from 12 midday to 1.30pm.

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**ALL FREE. GOOD FOOD. GOOD
COMPANY. SOMETHING NEW TO TRY.**

Come along and join the group

Style that Makes a Difference

Our Teen Boutique has been busy.

We have already held five pop up shops so far this year plus one event dedicated entirely to trainers.

Who knew a trainers-only shop was a thing? We do now!

Good quality clothing and footwear are available at knockdown prices with items also given away when someone needs a little extra help. If you have good quality clothes and want to donate please get in touch.



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EVERY PENNY RAISED GOES STRAIGHT BACK INTO BUYING MORE STOCK

This means one donation or purchase can go on helping other young people and families in the community.

Growing More Than Vegetables

Week after week, our brilliant volunteer community gardeners work tirelessly to look after our garden and grow fresh fruit and vegetables. A huge thank you to them all.

The produce can be shared with volunteers and used to make food in our own PY kitchens.

It's also a brilliant way for children to discover where their food actually comes from.

Because carrots don't really come from Supermarkets! 🥕

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**CHILDREN CAN SEE THINGS GROW,
PICK THEM AND TURN THEM INTO
SOMETHING TO EAT**

GROWN AT PY - PICKED AT PY - EATEN AT PY

Supporting Young People and Families to Thrive

Our Targeted Support Team works alongside children, young people and families when extra help is needed.

Through our 1:1 support service, we work with young people aged 5-18 from a range of local schools, also receiving referrals from families and other organisations. Using creative and engaging approaches, we help young people work towards achievable goals around confidence, mental health and wellbeing, relationships, school attendance and positive engagement in learning.



Our Family Service supports many families each year through individual sessions, whole-family support and activities during the school holidays. Family activities such as arts and crafts, pamper sessions and days at the beach help families spend quality time together while reducing some of the financial pressures that many face. We also support families to access specialist services when additional help is needed.

Alongside this, our Family Worker runs Breakfast & Blether, a welcoming weekly group for parents involved in the Family Support service. This is where parents can share experiences, build friendships and offer each other support.

We have also delivered a range of group support programmes, primarily within Craigroyston High School, supporting young people experiencing poor mental health and helping them develop confidence and more positive peer relationships.

We've also invested in specialist training, including LEGO® Therapy and we're excited to launch new opportunities soon, including an alternative timetable group at PYCP, a new nurture programme and even more parent peer support opportunities.

GROWING CONFIDENCE, STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS

Helping families find the support they need.

Going the Extra Mile.....Literally!

Our supporters certainly haven't chosen the easy option when it comes to fundraising this year.

Chris Deegan, our Treasurer put down his calculator and with the support team of his family tackled a Tough Mudder.

At the end of August, our Youth Committee along with staff, volunteers and our intrepid Chair Mark Wilson took on their first Munro together.

Between the two challenges they raised more than £3000 with every penny going straight back in to supporting our clubs and groups.

Mud, mountains, midgies and tired legs were all worth it.



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A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TOOK PART AND DONATED OR CHEERED THEM ON.

If you want to find out more about donating click on this QR Code.



Reducing our carbon footprint

In March, solar panels were installed on the south side of The Greenhouse and we're already seeing big savings in our energy costs.

Our next ambition is to replace our almost 40 year old gas boiler with an air source heat pump system which will help us move towards a greener and more energy efficient future.

We're exploring support through CARES Scotland to help make this happen before the end of March 2027.

Together, we're making a difference every day. 



None of This Happens Without You

AS WE HEAD TOWARDS OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

To every funder, grant giver, donor, volunteer, partner and supporter who has stood alongside PYCP this year, thank you.

Your support helps keep our doors open, our clubs running, food on the table and new opportunities within reach. It creates safe spaces, friendships, adventures, laughter and memories for children and young people, their families and the wider community.

Whether you give funding, make a donation, volunteer your time, share your skills or simply champion what we do, you are part of our story.

Thank you for being part of our story.

October to December 2026



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2026 PROGRAMME



MON-THURS		4:30-6PM		MONDAY
9 - 3PM 1:1 Support in Schools/PYCP including BWell Together mental health support		Youth Committee		
In School group work programmes		Family support		
TUESDAY	1:30- 3PM 16+ Drop In CV and Job Hunting	3:30 - 5PM P5-7 Club	6 - 7:30PM S1+ Girls Group	
	10 - 12PM PY Community Garden	12 - 1:30PM Chat & Chill Community Cafe	4:30 - 5:30PM P7-S2 Futures Boys Group	6:30 - 8PM S1+ Drop In
	10 - 11:30AM Brekkie & Blether Parents Group (Closed)	4:30 - 6PM P6-7 Futures Club	6 - 7PM Awards Group (Invite Only)	7 - 8:30PM S1-S4 Futures Drop In
WEDNESDAY	2 - 3:30PM P1-2 Fun Club	3:45 - 5:15PM P3-4 Fun Club	6:30 - 8PM S1+ Drop In	
	6:30 - 8:30PM S1-S4 Futures Drop In	MONTHLY P6+ Futures Trips (Closed)		



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