

Youth Forum at Inverness Royal Academy

Monday 16th November

Following the success of the first Youth-focused Ward Forum earlier this year in March, taking place in Inverness Royal Academy, a follow up Forum took place on Monday 16th November.

The Forum was well attended. 20 School pupils met with Elected Members, Community Councillors and Committee Members along with a wide cross section of representatives from various organisations involved in youth provision in and around the Ward area. The Forum was chaired by Councillor Fraser Parr.

From the 32 point action plan drawn up at the first forum, Young people were able to hear that only 5 of the points could go no further and hear the reasons for that. All other suggestions that pupils had made to improve "life" in their local areas had either been done or were in the process of being carried out. Additional points have now been added to the evolving action plan and all involved are enthusiastic to keep the process of change and improvement continuing.

In the conclusion of the Forum, the young people taking part felt that "everyone contributed" "Agencies have stuck to their word" "and that they are "Seeing real changes being made"

It is intended that Forums will continue to take place at six monthly intervals.