



GREAT NIGHT FOR YOUTH WORK IN GALASHIELS AS LOCAL PROJECT PICKS UP NATIONAL AWARD

It's been a real celebration for great youth work in Galashiels at the National Youth Worker of the Year Awards 2017 in Glasgow as TD1 Youth Hub have been named Youth Work Partnership of the Year, an award proudly sponsored by SCSN.



TD1 Youth Hub in Galashiels won the Youth Work Partnership Award for their work in conjunction with Scottish Borders Council and Scottish Fire and Rescue Services. They have delivered a range of innovative projects together including a recent learning programme with local firefighters, which also supported youngsters involved to gain their Youth Achievement Award.

Over the last four years TD1 Youth Hub has grown its youth work programme and is now recognised as a respected and much valued service in Galashiels and the Scottish Borders. The positive reaction from school, social work, police and the local authority amongst others demonstrates the pivotal role it plays in ensuring that youth work works for the young people of the town.

The 10th National Youth Worker of the Year Awards, run by YouthLink Scotland, has been an outstanding showcase of the remarkable work that is being done right across the nation. The ceremony was held on Thursday 16 March at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow.

Douglas Ormiston, project manager said he was delighted:

"TD1 Youth Hub is a strong example of how partnership work can work best, partnered up with CLD team together they have been able to deliver strong and positive outcomes for young people, placing them at the core of the work and making services and project fit to the needs of young people. Their work with the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service underlines how involving others can bring about innovative practices which result in positive pieces of work that change young people's lives."

Commenting, Jim Sweeney, Chief Executive of YouthLink Scotland, said:

"Youth work is critical to the success of many young people in Scotland. In every area of the country there are countless examples of people, paid and unpaid who do great work with young people that quite literally changes lives. TD1 Youth Hub's partnership working is a fantastic example of effective youth work in practice, their work illustrates that when the investment is made in our young people, and they are given the opportunity to learn and grow, their achievement and confidence improves."



SCSN Training Update - Cancellations and rescheduling

Due to recent staff upheaval at SCSN we have sadly had to cancel all dates in our training diary until the end of June. We will be looking to rearrange cancelled training dates over the later part of the year. If you had registered for any of training dates we will get in contact with you by email to inform you of rescheduled dates.

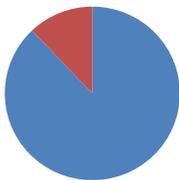
We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your patience as we go through a period of organisational change. We expect that normal service will begin to resume within the next couple of months! If you have any further questions regarding SCSN training please don't hesitate to contact us at info@scsn.org.uk.

Remember as an interim measure many of our courses are available as online training. To check out what is available visit our website at <http://www.safercommunitiesscotland.org/training/>.



?Question of the Month?

Do you have a carbon monoxide monitor in your home?



■ Yes
■ No

In last months newsletter we featured some articles on gas safety, in particular around carbon monoxide. For our Question of the Month we asked, 'Do you have a carbon monoxide monitor in your home?' We received a large volume of responses and happily, 88% of respondents said they did have a carbon monoxide monitor with only 12% saying they did not.

Child Safety Week takes place in June and we feature an article on page 5 with more information on how you can get involved in supporting the campaign. So in this month's newsletter we are asking:

Do you plan to support child safety week (5-11 June) either using the free resources available from CAPT or with your own activities?

Yes

No

Undecided

60 seconds with....Mark Smith of TD1, Winners of the Youthwork Partnership Award 2017 (sponsored by SCSN)

**Here, we speak with Mark Smith
of Scottish Borders Council
about the project.**



**Tell us a bit about TD1 what you
do.**

TD1 is a drop in centre for 12-18 year olds in Galashiels. It offers a wide range of support services for young people as well as being a focal point for fun activities. CLD support TD1 in a range of activities closely linked with the local Academy. Together we are able to target, and work with young people who are at risk of underachieving due to a range of challenges within their lives.

**What do you think made your project stand out
and win the award?**

I feel that this was a true partnership with all involved playing to their strengths. We looked at what outcomes, both individual and collective, we could achieve from working together. We clearly defined our roles across the project, with the Fire Service providing the expertise and training during the sessions, Community Learning and Development providing a range of accreditation options for participants and TD1 offering the social and emotional support through its drop in service.

**Tell us about some of the challenges and
rewards you encounter working with young
people?**

Recruitment to the programme was deliberately targeted at young people who both TD1 and the Galashiels Academy pastoral team thought would benefit from this type of intervention. When we drew up the initial list of potential participants, the same names came up. It is clear from this that TD1 understands and is working with the same 'at risk' young people which the pastoral team and CLD support. This demonstrates a real and ongoing synergy between the school and the wider community partners.

We used the Youth Achievement Awards (YAA) model to accredit the young people's work. Younger members of the group who complete the personalised challenges will be able to

bank this award as they progress in to 3rd and 4th year. Some may go on to gain both the silver and gold awards now that they understand this award is about a practical rather than academic approach to learning.

**What are some of the benefits of young people
having a voice and being active in their local
community?**

Young People have a unique take on things; they are not bogged down with constraints or barriers. This is a fantastic starting point. We used this type of approach during the project planning stage where everything was about a 'can do' and a 'solution based' way forward. As services aimed at helping out Young People we can learn a lot from their way of thinking.

**Who did you work in partnership with and how
important is partnership working in what you
do?**

We received a communication that the Fire Service were looking to raise their profile in the community with young people. I met with Scott Forbes and Keith Langley and Douglas Ormiston from TD1 Youth Hub to explore options for a piece of partnership work which would allow the Fire service to raise their profile while having an impact on young people.

We came up with an idea to offer a one day a week programme to coincide with the TD1 summer programme using an established youth engagement model previously run by the fire service. Partnership working was central to the project.

What will it mean to have won this award?

The partnership and young people are very proud of this award and what we managed to achieve for those involved. We will use this as a case study/pilot to improve our partnership work going forward. Hopefully this will encourage other organisations to look at developing shared outcomes when working with young people so that they can offer the best services and support possible.

**If you could be an cartoon character for a
week, which one would you be and why?**

It would have to be Scooby Doo. I loved Scooby Doo as a kid and still enjoy watching him with my daughters. He is a real team player, a loyal friend and always able to see the best in a bad situation thanks to a Scooby Snack. (if only life was that easy!)

Latest Unintentional Injury Stats published by ISD

The latest unintentional injury statistics for the year ending March 2016 (hospital admissions) and December 2015 (deaths) were published by the Information Services Division in March.



Among the main points highlighted in the publication were:

- Unintentional injuries accounted for approximately 1 in 10 emergency hospital admissions for adults and 1 in 8 for children in 2015/16
- Those from the most deprived areas were more likely than those from the least deprived areas to have an unintentional injury
- 84% of injuries in those aged 65 and over were due to falls
- Assaults have decreased. There were 2,413 emergency admissions due to assault in 2015/16, a 55% decrease over the past 10 years
- Overall, emergency hospital admissions due to unintentional injury have increased by 2% over the past ten years (55,547 vs 54,393)
- In 2015 there were 1,892 deaths in Scotland due to unintentional injury; 18 in children under the age of 15 and 1,874 in those aged 15 and over

Unintentional injuries can occur in any age group, but children and the elderly are more vulnerable. The term 'unintentional injury' is used rather than 'accidents' as 'accident' implies that events are unavoidable when actually a high proportion of these incidents are preventable.

The multi-agency nature of effective action against injuries is reflected in the many places accident and injury prevention appears within government and local policy. This includes, transport, fire, health and safety, and many other specific strategies.

With children and the elderly being more vulnerable to unintentional injury, the [National](#)

[Falls Programme](#) supports Community Falls Leads in development and implementation of systematic, integrated, co-ordinated and person-centred approach to falls and fracture prevention within Health and Social Care Partnerships. The Programme focuses on partnership working to deliver [The Prevention and Management of Falls in the Community. A Framework for Action for Scotland 2014-16](#), published by the Scottish Government in October 2014. The Framework focuses on falls prevention and management and fracture prevention for older people living in the community.

There have been several other initiatives launched in recent years to contribute toward unintentional injury prevention, including the launch of several websites such as Child Safety Scotland and Home Safety Scotland and very recently, Scotland's Road Safety Framework.

You can download the Unintentional Injury statistics at:

<http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Emergency-Care/Publications/>

Domestic Abuse Bill tackles psychological abuse

The Scottish Government has published a new bill strengthening the laws against those who psychologically abuse their partners using coercive and controlling behaviour.

The Bill creates a new statutory offence of domestic abuse that recognises the damage and hurt that non-physical abuse can cause.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said, "I am proud that, as a society, we've come a long way from believing that domestic abuse is only a physical act. The truth is that the psychological scars left by emotional abuse can have devastating effects on victims, and this government will work hard to make sure perpetrators face the justice they deserve."

Responses to the recent consultation on this bill are available at:

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/criminal-law-and-sentencing-team/criminal-offence-domestic-abuse/>

Emotional Abuse of children to become criminal offence

The deliberate emotional abuse or neglect of a child is to become a criminal offence in Scotland with the announcement that the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937, is to be updated to recognise the impact of emotional abuse and neglect as well as physical harm.

NSPCC Scotland said the law was "vital", reporting it has seen an increase of 61% over the past three years from people concerned that a child was being neglected.

In a statement to parliament, minister for childcare and early years Mark McDonald confirmed the move as part of a range of actions to strengthen child protection following the publication of reports by the Child Protection Systems Review Group led by independent chair Catherine Dyer and the government's own child protection improvement programme report.

"This government is determined to ensure more of Scotland's children get the best possible start in life," he said. "This means protecting the most vulnerable in our communities from harm, abuse and neglect.

"Catherine Dyer's review concludes that, in general, our child protection system works well. However, both she and the child protection improvement programme report have identified opportunities to strengthen all aspects of the system to better protect our children.

As well as the new offence, the government will publish a national child protection policy which identifies all responsibilities and action across government to support families and protect children.

It will look at creating a National Child Protection register and create national standards for those carrying out significant case reviews.

You can keep Scottish children safe from serious accidents

Unintentional injury is a major cause of death and one of the most common causes of hospital admissions for children in Scotland. It accounts for one in 20 of all childhood deaths and one in eight of all emergency hospital admissions for children.

Children living in the most deprived areas of Scotland are at greater risk of death and injury. They are more than twice as likely to die as their peers from the least deprived areas and over one and a half times as likely to be admitted to hospital.

Child Safety Week (5-11 June 2017) supports anyone working with children and families to get important child safety messages out to local families and help keep local children safe.

The continued support from the Scottish Governments Community Safety Unit means Scottish practitioners signing up to Child Safety Week can access free resources both in print and online.



How to get your free resources

Visit the Child Safety Week website <http://www.childsafetyweek.org.uk/get-involved/sign-up/>

It takes a few moments and you'll get:

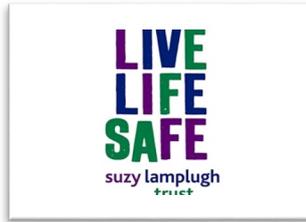
- A FREE **Child Safety Week poster** and **an action pack in the post** to help with your planning.
- A FREE **Bitrex Taste Test kit** for poisoning prevention work with parents.
- FREE **downloadable activity resources** to use with families.

With your involvement, we can reach even more Scottish families with our safety messages in 2017. Please don't delay, sign-up today to make sure you don't miss out on free resources for Child Safety Week. Just visit www.childsafetyweek.org.uk.

National Stalking Awareness Week

24 April - 28 April

National Stalking Awareness Week is an annual campaign run by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust as a member of the National Stalking Consortium, is raising awareness of the impact stalking has on people's lives and make sure everyone knows that **#StalkingMatters**



Stalking causes serious physical, psychological, social and economic distress. Victims' mental health can seriously suffer and up to 40% are estimated to suffer from physical violence, the worst of cases resulting in murder.

The Office for National Statistics tells us that 4.9% of women and 2.4% of men experienced stalking last year. This equates to 1,136,000 people. But in the same period just 4,156 cases of stalking have been recorded by police.

The National Stalking Consortium is calling for:

Improved staff training: All police officers, civilian staff and magistrates should be able to recognise stalking when it is being described to them by a victim and to respond appropriately.

Specialised services: Victims of stalking across the country should have access to specialist help and support from trained experts who

understand the nature, complexity and risks associated with the crime.

Commitment across the Criminal Justice System: They call on all Criminal Justice professionals, including police, Crown Prosecution Service, and probation services to make a commitment to providing specialist services for victims of stalking in their local area.

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust is also campaigning for the creation of more stalking perpetrator treatment programmes to prevent offending and reduce reoffending.

Tackling the Stalker
Thursday 27th April
9am-4.30pm
Marriot Hotel, Glasgow



First-ever conference organised by Action Against Stalking to raise awareness of stalking as well as to share knowledge, good practice and achievements.

The conference is targeted at law enforcement, criminal justice department, NHS management, policy makers, charities, victim's support organisations, educators, local authorities and employers.

For more information on the conference, visit the event page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1825762001036149/>

Reducing Nuisance Calls

Ahead of the final meeting of the Scottish



Government's nuisance calls committee in March, Scottish Government Economy Secretary Keith Brown MSP said the UK Government should bring forward further powers to prevent nuisance calls, including:

- Powers to not just disqualify but fine directors who allow the practice to signal that this is not acceptable and will not be tolerated

- A fair share of funding for consumer awareness and technology projects
- Simpler and clearer ways for people affected by nuisance calls to report them so that action can be taken

The meeting, attended by a wide variety of regulatory bodies, consumer groups and telecoms industry representatives, met on March 16th. You can find out more about the Nuisance Calls Commission, including viewing meeting minutes, by visiting:

<https://beta.gov.scot/groups/nuisance-calls-commission/>

Deputy FM says Named Person legislation will go ahead

Deputy First Minister John Swinney has announced to the Scottish Parliament that will proceed with the Named Person legislation, after a Supreme Court setback last year.

Named persons and other service providers will have the power to share information where it promotes, supports or safeguards the wellbeing of a child or young person.

Speaking in Parliament, Deputy First Minister John Swinney also made clear that information sharing must also remain compatible with the laws on data protection, human rights and confidentiality.

This has presented us with the opportunity to

improve the service and reassure parents and practitioners and the wider public that it will work with and for families.

Mr Swinney said, "Young people and families should have confidence that information will be shared only where this can be done in a manner which respects their rights under data protection law, human rights and the law of confidentiality."

"The approach I have set out today seeks to bring consistency, clarity and coherence to the practice of sharing information about children and young people's wellbeing across Scotland."

First Impressions - positive support for families from the point of arrest

The next Families Outside National Conference will be taking place on **Wednesday, 31 May 2017** at The Hub events venue in Edinburgh.

Entitled First Impressions, the focus of the conference will be the trauma experienced by families at the point of arrest.

What can be done at the point of arrest to alleviate the impact of this distressing experience on a family, and improve their often new involvement within the criminal justice system?

PROGRAMME – You can download the event programme at <http://www.familiesoutside.org.uk/content/uploads/2017/03/Programme-speaker-free.pdf>

PAYMENT AND BOOKING FORM - payment can be made via Paypal or invoice (BACS or cheque).

Bookings for the event should be directed to caroline.creamer@familiesoutside.org.uk

Family members affected by imprisonment

Free

Statutory organisation

£85.00

Voluntary organisation

£75.00

Statutory organisation (Friends of Families Outside)

£72.00

Voluntary organisation friends (Friends of Families Outside)

£62.00

Consultation on Electronic Monitoring to cut reoffending

Views are being sought on how electronic tagging should be expanded – to help further reduce reoffending levels.



Potential new uses for tagging, including new technology to monitor alcohol consumption and voluntary schemes for persistent offenders, are being considered as part of a major expansion of electronic monitoring, which would see new legislation being introduced.

The expansion could see tagging used as a condition of a community payback order, giving added security of restricting a person's movement while carrying out a sentence involving unpaid work in the community.

Changes being explored include:

- Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking technology in addition to current radio tagging
- Giving courts the option of tagging as an alternative to a fine
- Using tagging as a bail condition as an alternative to custody on remand
- Introducing electronic tags as a condition of release from custody while a police investigation is ongoing

"This is about effective changes that stop people reoffending, make best use of emerging technology and tackle our high rate of imprisonment – all with the aim of doing more to keep people safe."

You can access the consultation and submit your views/evidence at:

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/community-justice/electronic-monitoring-in-scotland/>

£3million for Community Justice

The Scottish Government has announced that seven community sector organisations will receive almost £3 million of Government investment to deliver services aimed at reducing the cycle of reoffending.



Apex Scotland, SACRO, Families Outside, Positive Prison? Positive Futures, Turning Point Scotland, Venture Trust and Supporting Offenders with Learning Disabilities (SOLD) will share almost £3 million to fund specialist services including employment training, early intervention, support for families of prisoners and social care support.

Justice Secretary Mr Matheson said:

"The specialist services these charities provide is a vital part of our vision of reducing reoffending rates further by addressing the underlying causes of offending. I want to see

fewer ineffective short-term prison sentences used, and more community sentences, which also help people to turn their lives around, keep crime down and communities safe." "From early intervention to supporting reintegration back into the community, these charities are dedicated to working with people who have offended at all possible opportunities and supporting them to become contributing members of the community."

Sacro Chief Executive, Tom Halpin, said:

"I am delighted that Mr Matheson has been able to announce this significant grant allocation to Sacro on behalf of the Scottish Government. Coming at a time of unprecedented challenge for both the public and third sectors in Scotland, it recognises Sacro's achievements in supporting those who use our services to improve their lives and those of their families and communities. Importantly this helps place Sacro in a position of strength, to continue our work purposefully in partnership, helping create safe and cohesive communities across Scotland."

Consumers not registering new electrical appliances



Electrical Safety First (ESF) has partnered with Beko Plc. UK to explore consumer attitudes around product registration. Research revealed that despite a number of high profile safety notices and product recalls issued last year, nearly half of all consumers who purchased an electrical item in the last 12 months did not register their purchase.

In 2016, 61 recall notices were issued for electrical products in the UK. Registration is one of the main ways to contact consumers directly in case of a safety concern, such as a product recall. Without registering, millions of British consumers could be unwittingly putting themselves and their homes at risk if they continue to use a recalled product.

The research shows some interesting shifts in consumer trends, with a marked decrease in the levels of concerns about sharing personal information compared to three years ago. In a 2014 report by ESF, three times as many consumers reported sharing their personal details with manufacturers as a concern. Instead, consumer apathy was the main

reason for lack of registration.

Given the numbers of people not registering their appliances, it's no surprise that the success rate of recalls is low. Previous research undertaken by ESF show that the success rate is rarely more than 10% to 20%, despite the huge risks of electrical shock, fire or even death that faulty electrical items can present.

Emma Drackford of Electrical Safety First said: *'This research makes it clear that there is a lot of work ahead to shift consumer attitudes on product registration. Although some attitudes have changed towards marketing, a concerning amount of consumers are still apathetic towards registering their electrical products. We're urging consumers to be aware of registration as an essential step when purchasing an electrical product. We would like to see all manufacturers promoting product registration with their customers and ensuring registration is a simple and straightforward process.'*

ESF has created a video for consumers to highlight the importance of registering an electrical appliance. View the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOq3toGq34M>

New report on tackling sectarianism published

A new report published in March by Dr Duncan Morrow titled, 'Review of the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism in Scotland', with recommendations on further action to tackle sectarianism has been welcomed by the Scottish Government.

His recommendations include sharing of best practice across the relevant authorities, greater community involvement and a commitment to tackling the issue as part of equalities education in schools.

Community Safety Minister Annabelle Ewing said: "It is very clear from Dr Morrow's report that work remains to be done in eradicating sectarianism from sections of our society. Considerable work has been taken forward

over the past few years and I am very pleased to note that some progress has been made since the final report by the Advisory Group, but more needs to be done.'

"The Scottish Government cannot eradicate sectarianism in isolation and while we are committed to taking forward the recommendations that are for us, we must also continue to work with local authorities, the third sector, community groups, football clubs and more to foster a Scotland where sectarianism is consigned to history.' You can download the report at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Justice/policies/reducing-crime/tackling-hate-crime>

Thinking big to change communities

This inspirational case study, published by Third Force News, tells the story of how some young people transformed their local community through campaigning and developing a project to create a safe play area.

"We created the campaign after our friend Ryan Chan was racially abused by teenage drinkers in the local park. The area had become littered and populated by drinkers and even the council wouldn't go near the place. All we wanted was to reclaim our right to feel safe in our local park.



Forgewood doesn't have much in local amenities. It is classed as an area of high deprivation. So young people don't have much to do in the evenings and the area has been labelled with a reputation for crime.

With help from our parents, teachers and backing from the community, we created a plan to transform the area. We came to the conclusion that if it was looked after and policed by community officers, then it could become the place we always wanted – a safe enjoyable area for families and the general public.

We first met with councillors who, while initially impressed, said no cash would be made available. So we went to a dozen funders before eventually winning an award from the Big Lottery Fund for £15,000. This bought gardening tools, fencing, soil and materials. We provided the labour – 30 volunteers lent their time and effort over a six month period.

Things progressed further when we got our MSP involved. I sent a letter telling her about the situation and she invited us to the Scottish Parliament to discuss it with her. She then got in touch with the council and were eventually allowed to start work on the park. We even got comedian and broadcaster Tam Cowan involved. He gave us his backing – he grew up in Forgewood and said he was proud to be associated with the campaign.

The experience we gained from campaigning was life-changing. I realised the most important asset is the people you have around you. If you believe in something – like we did – then nothing can stop you. The core who formed the group are still together and we want to go on and create new campaigns to regenerate the local area. We've still got the momentum and we've talked about getting other schools involved from outlying areas in Motherwell to share our experiences."

You can read the original article at: <http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/blogs/want-to-change-your-community-just-think-big>

World Health Day 2017

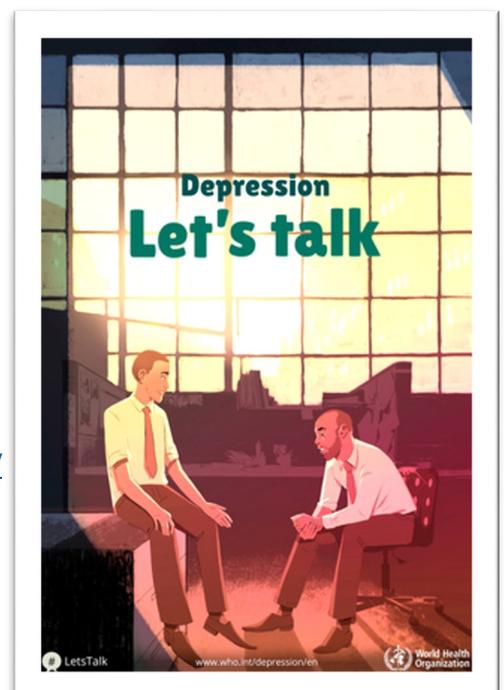
World Health Day takes place on the 7th of April each year. This year's campaign, 'Depression: let's talk', comes in response to a new World Health Organisation (WHO) report into depression, which shows that the number of people living with depression has risen by 18% since 2005 and that depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide.

You can read the new WHO estimates on depression in full by visiting:

http://www.who.int/mental_health/management/depression/prevalence_global_health_estimates/en/

You can download campaign essentials from the World Health Day website at:

<http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2017/en/>



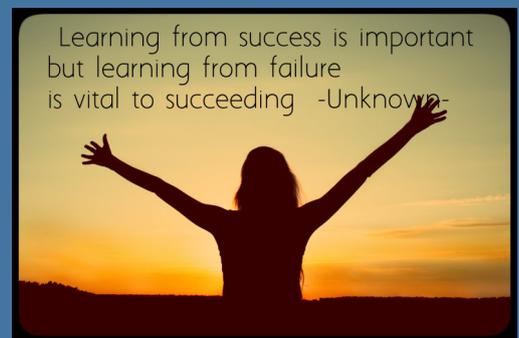
The SCSN website has a wide range of useful information and services which are free to access, including case studies, briefing papers, policy and strategy documents, free eLearning courses, toolkits and guidance documents on a variety of topics and much more besides.

Visit our website at www.safercommunitiesscotland.org

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Featured SCSN Case Study - Friend Request, South Ayrshire Council

In a new feature for our newsletter, recognising the importance of and demand for the sharing of examples of best practice, we're highlighting one case study from those available on our website. We hope you find this useful and that you will make further use of the wide range of case studies and publications available on our website to inform your work.



National Stalking Awareness Week takes place from April 24th-28th and we thought you might be interested to take a look at this example of best practice.

The 'Friend Request' project was instigated to give a multi-faceted approach to raising awareness and tackling stalking and associated behaviour amongst secondary pupils in South Ayrshire. The project aimed initially to produce an education pack to raise awareness, identify behaviours, increase confidence in reporting and encourage peer support.

You can read the case study in full at: <http://www.safercommunitiesscotland.org/wp-content/uploads/Friend.pdf>

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