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**SUPPORTING AND CELEBRATING
THE WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS OF
YOUNG PEOPLE IN MORAY
2015-16**

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Youth Awards in Scotland

The following table lists a number of the youth awards available in Scotland:-

Award Provider / Co-ordinator	Award	Age group	External Accreditation
Air Training Corps	BTEC (Business & Technology Council) Awards, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Air Cadet CV	13-18	Some aspects may be accredited externally
Army Cadet Force Association	Star Awards, ILM Certificate, BTEC Awards, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Lord Lieutenant's Cadet Award	12-18	Some aspects may be accredited externally
Sea Cadets	BTEC Awards, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, RYA qualifications	10-18	Some aspects may be accredited externally
ASDAN	Short Course Awards	13-19	Yes
	Certificate in Community Volunteering (CCV)	14+	Yes
	Activities Award	11-19	No
	Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE)	14+	Yes
Boys' Brigade	Queen's Badge Award, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, NVQ at levels 2 & 3	5-18	Some aspects may be accredited externally
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	14-25	No
Girlguiding Scotland	Queen's Guide Award	16-25	No
John Muir Trust	John Muir Award	All ages	No
Music Awards	ARBSM awards	8-25	Yes
Scottish Council The Scout Association	Chief Scout's Awards & Queen's Scout Award	6-25	Some aspects may be accredited externally
Active Schools	Sports Leaders UK	9+	Yes
Volunteer Development Scotland & the Volunteer Centre Network Scotland	MV Awards	16-25	No
Youth Scotland	Youth Achievement Awards	14+	Yes
	Dynamic Youth Awards	10-14	Yes
Engagement Team – Youth Work	Various Awards	10+	Yes
Young Scot	Signposting	12-25	No
Saltire Awards	Saltire Awards	12-15	No
Skillforce	Various Awards	14+	Yes

Source: Amazing Things, Youth Scotland (2011)
Individual organisation websites – May 2015

Youth Awards in Moray

Air Training Corps

The Air Training Corps is the RAF's cadet force, divided into six regions, 34 wings and more than 900 squadrons within the communities around the UK. The aim of the cadets is to:

- Promote and encourage a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force among you people
- Provide training which will be useful in the Services and civilian life
- Encourage the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship

The cadets life is about learning through practical experience, especially in the outdoors. Cadets will participate in a range of activities that offer challenge, excitement and adventure and knowledge picked up through the way with structured lectures and first-hand experience.

Cadets can join at age 13 as Junior Cadets and sit exams in aviation studies to progress through the classifications to First Class cadet, Leading cadet, Senior cadet, and Master cadet. They can work towards the Business & Technology Education Council (BTEC) Award in Aviation Studies, the BTEC First Diploma in Public Services, and the BTEC First Diploma in Music. They can obtain badges for First Aid, Shooting, Gliding/Flying Scholarships, Duke of Edinburgh's Award and various sports.

In addition, cadets can achieve the Air Cadet CV, which provides cadets with a record of evidence of their achievements. To be awarded the Air Cadet CV, cadets must have completed 6 activities, which range from having a minimum of 18 months enrolled service to gaining a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

The Units in the Moray area are in Elgin, Forres, and Rothes (Speyside). The following table shows the unit numbers and number of Air Training Corps cadets as at December 2016:-

Classifications Gained 01 Jan – 31 Dec 16					
Sqn/DF	Strength at 31-Dec-16	Leading	Senior	Master	Total Classifications
423 (Elgin) Sqn	32	8	4	3	15
423 (Speyside) DF	4	0	1	1	2
446 (Forres) Sqn	19	0	0	3	3

During 2016 a total of 7 BTEC awards in Aviation Studies were achieved, with 3 each from the Elgin and Forres squadrons and one from the Speyside Detached Flight unit.

Source: ATC Highland Wing, January 2017

Youth Awards in Moray

Sea Cadet Corps

Moray Sea Cadets was formally adopted by the Sea Cadet Corps in 2004 and currently has cadets from across the Moray area from Keith, Speyside, Fochabers, along the coast but mostly from Elgin. Cadets are presented from Elgin High, Elgin Academy, Lossiemouth High and Speyside High, as well as several of their catchment primary schools.

Aided by 16 adult volunteers, Moray Sea Cadets partake in several adventurous and water based activities such as powerboating, kayaking, coastal rowing and dinghy sailing and other boating exercises. During the winter cadets learn the ropes of seamanship, navigation, meteorology, first aid, catering, drill & ceremonial and other classroom based activities necessary for the understanding of boating and the mixture of theory and practical activities which can lead to RYA (Royal Yachting Association) qualifications. Cadets are actively encouraged to go to National Sea Cadet training camps or onto Offshore Vessels for a week to increase their progression and add to their qualifications. Additionally, there are several international opportunities. A big emphasis for cadets is to instil the 5 values of loyalty, commitment, self-discipline, honesty and respect.

A number of qualifications are available to Sea Cadets, during 2015-16 the following qualifications were gained through the Unit:

- SCC Specialisations (120) - Swimming (19) - RYA Windsurfing (3) - Offshore (15)
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award (2) - NGB Kayaking & Canoeing (2) - SCC Award (35)
- SCC Proficiencies (18) - RYA Powerboating (35) - RYA Sailing (9)
- SJA First Aid (8) - SCC Junior Sea Cadet (12) - BTEC Level 1 in Public Service (4)
- Advancements & Promotions (12) - Ex-cadets progress to volunteer staff (3)
- Ex-cadets join Merchant or Royal Navy (4)

The Moray Unit had a membership of 45 as at Sept. 2016. Membership made up of:

	New Entry	Junior (aged 10 – 12)	Sea Cadets (aged 12 – 18)	Total
September 2016	6	7	32	45

The Moray unit is active in encouraging cadets to take part in some of the external opportunities available through national sea cadets. There have been 12 voyages either on the Tall Ship "TS Royalist" or training power vessel "TS Petchey" in the last year. One cadet went on a foreign exchange to Sweden during the summer of 2015 and another cadet went to support the Jubilee Sailing Trust disability Voyage over Christmas 2015. A cadet has just been accepted onto the very competitive Aviation programme for February 2017 and the unit has booked a TS Petchey trip for the whole unit to sail from Oban through the Caledonia Canal to Inverness where they hope to hold a reception. Cadets also take part in several community events and activities such as Commando Speed March in Spean Bridge, Aberlour House Highland Games (winning 2 gold medals for hill races), Highland Military Tattoo and assisting in various local fundraising events and beach cleans. They have recently gained new boating equipment (dinghy boat, yacht, rowing boats) to enhance their water based activities and are actively fundraising for a new safety boat.

For 2016, Moray Sea Cadets were awarded a Burgee following annual National Sea Cadet review, meaning they are amongst the top 25% units in the UK (400 units).

Source: Northern Area Sea Cadets, December 2016

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Army Cadet Force Association

During a young person's time in the Army Cadet Force (ACF) they will follow a syllabus called the Army Proficiency Certificate (APC). As cadets learn more about the various topics and get better at them, they will progress through the star levels until they reach four star or Master Cadet. Subjects that cadets learn include:

- Cadet and The Community; Drill and Turnout; Expeditions; Fieldcraft; First Aid; Junior / Senior Cadet Instructor Cadre; Map and Compass; Military Knowledge; Music; Piping and Drumming; Shooting; Signals; Skill at Arms; Sport

As well as the APC topics, cadets also get the chance to have a go at a wide range of adventurous training activities, including kayaking, abseiling, climbing, caving, skiing, mountain biking and loads more.

Cadets will progress through the challenging 'star' award levels, moving up the ranks to Senior Cadet. The Senior Cadet can then participate at an advanced level to achieve Master Cadet. Cadets who complete the Master Cadet Course are eligible for the Certificate in Team Leading from the Institute of Leadership & Management.

The Army Cadet Force Association is the second largest operator of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), with 2-star normally being the level Cadets would be working at when participating in the Bronze Award, and 4-star being the level for Silver and Gold Awards.

Through the Cadet Vocational Qualification Organisation (CVQO), Cadets from 3-star level (aged 16 and over) can earn BTEC First Diploma in Public Services or BTEC First Diploma in Music, which is equivalent to 4 national qualifications at levels 1-3. The Lord Lieutenant's Cadet is the ultimate Award for all ACF cadets.

The Detachments in the Moray area are in Elgin, Forres, Buckie and Keith. The numbers of Army cadets at April 2016 by detachment were:-

Detachment	Age of young person					Total
	12-13	14	15	16	17+	
Buckie	5	2	9	5	1	22
Keith	7	6	2	0	1	16
Elgin	14	12	10	3	4	43
Forres	7	9	6	2	11	35
Totals	33	29	27	10	17	116

In 2015-16 the following number of Army cadets had completed or were working through the following awards:-

Detachment	Awards				
	CVQO	APC	DofE	BTEC	1 st Aid
Buckie	0	9	0	0	8
Keith	0	5	0	0	11
Elgin	6	9	12	0	12
Forres	0	14	11	2	17
Totals	6	37	23	2	48

Source: Army Cadet Force Association (The 1st and 2nd Battalion The Highlanders), April 2016

Youth Awards in Moray

Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade provides a programme of activity across four different age groups. The Brigade offers a progression programme with different awards schemes for different ages, and the opportunity to undertake the President's Badge, Queen's Badge and Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Currently there are number of boys working towards or having achieved the President's Badge, an award recognising a boy's commitment to the brigade and community and which is also required if boy's wish to progress to the Queen's Badge.

The Queen's Badge is the highest award in the Boy's Brigade and recognises young people's achievements during their time in the Boy's Brigade, developing skills in leadership, communication, outdoor expeditions, working with people and volunteering in the wider community.

During 2015-16, 17 boys in from the 1st Buckie Boys Brigade were awarded the Queen's Badge in recognition of their dedication and commitment in making a difference to their company, their community and themselves. A further 17 boys from the brigade also achieved the President's Award during the reporting year, while a number of boys from other brigades are currently working towards their President's Badge and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

There are now 6 Battalion's based in the Moray area in operation, these being Burghead, Elgin, Lossiemouth, Forres and Rothes who form the Moray Battalion, and Buckie Company which is part of the Banffshire Battalion. The overall number of Boys' Brigade members has largely remained the same as last year. Buckie Company has seen a fall in numbers due to less anchor boys this session; however 4th Lossiemouth has seen a large increase with the Company having more anchor boys than any other Company in the country. Close partnership working with Hythehill Primary and the local Battalion has been the main driving force behind the increased numbers at Lossiemouth.

Moray Area Battalion	Boys' Brigade Sections			Totals
	Anchor Boys (age 5-7)	Juniors (age 8-10)	Company (age 11-18)	
1 st Burghead	9	5	0	14
4 th Elgin	14	9	9	32
2 nd Forres	10	10	0	20
4 th Lossiemouth	40	25	10	75
1 st Rothes	6	6	0	12
1 st Buckie	32	54	81	167
Total	111	109	100	320

Source: The Boys' Brigade, December 2016

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Girl Guiding Scotland (The Queen's Guide Award)

Girlguiding Scotland aim is to enable girls and young women to fulfil their potential and to take an active and responsible role in society through a distinctive, stimulating and enjoyable programme of activities delivered by the girlguiding movement. The scope and flexibility of the programme, designed to meet the needs of each girl, reflect this emphasis on personal achievement.

Girls have the opportunity to gain a number of badges and awards throughout their time in girlguiding, reflecting on the wide variety of experiences and tasks the girls will take on. The ultimate award in guiding is the Queen's Guide Award which involves a series of challenges aimed at developing personal skills whilst contributing to Guiding and the local community. These skills include teamwork, time management, organisational skills, planning, evaluation, and community skills.

Two girls were presented with the Queens Guide award in 2014/15, a further two are working towards the award. A number of girls have completed or are working towards awards, including: 24 - Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Gold, Silver and Bronze); 47 - Baden Powel Challenge. Around 250 Leaders and Guides attended the annual Tartan Gig concert in Glasgow and over 750 girls and volunteers took in the Christmas performance at Eden Court in December.

In Moray there were 986 girls enrolled with the girlguiding movement at the beginning of August 2015. In total there are 68 units based throughout Moray, below is a summary table of girlguiding numbers by 'Division' and 'Section':

Division	Section				Total
	Rainbows (Age 5 to 7)	Brownies (Age 7-10)	Guides (Age 10-14)	Seniors (Age 14+)	
Eastern	65	79	39	2	185
Elgin District	25	41	15	0	81
Elgin Landward	21	79	53	5	158
Western	26	87	72	16	201
South Eastern	22	82	26	7	137
Laich District	28	26	20	0	74
Lossie District	12	28	9	0	49
South Central	0	25	23	0	48
Southern	20	33	0	0	53
Total	219	480	257	30	986

The table above groups the guiding units by 'Division'. Within each Division there are a number of individual units and sections, these are listed below:

Eastern – Buckie, Cullen and Findochty (5 Rainbows, 4 Brownies, 2 Guides and 1 Senior unit)

Elgin District – Elgin (1 Rainbows, 2 Brownies and 1 Guides)

Elgin Landward District – New Elgin (2 Rainbows, 4 Brownies, 2 Guides and 1 Senior unit)

Western – Forres and Kinloss (2 Rainbows, 4 Brownies, 4 Guides and 2 Senior units)

South Eastern – Keith and Rothiemay (2 Rainbow, 4 Brownies, 2 Guides and 1 Senior unit)

Laich – Burghead, Duffus and Hopeman (3 Rainbows, 2 Brownies and 2 Guides units)

Lossiemouth District - (1 Rainbows, 2 Brownies and 1 Guides)

South Central – Fochabers and Lhanbryde & Urquhart (2 Brownies and 1 Guide unit)

Southern – Aberlour and Dufftown (2 Rainbows and 2 Brownies units)

Source: Amazing Things, Youth Scotland (2011)
Girlguiding Moray, August 2015

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John Muir Trust (The John Muir Award)

The John Muir Award is an environmental award that is delivered through partnerships with youth organisations, schools, clubs, Local Authorities, and outdoor centres. It encourages awareness and responsibility for the natural environment in a spirit of fun and adventure. The John Muir Award in the Cairngorms offers an exciting opportunity for participants to meet the challenges of a national environmental award scheme, this is done through a range of activities that encompass 4 main challenges – discover a wild place; explore its wildness; conserve a wild place; and share your experience. There are 3 levels of award, encouraging a progressive involvement:

- Discovery Award (introductory level) – a minimum 4 days (or equivalent)
- Explorer Award (intermediate level) – a minimum 8 days (or equivalent)
- Conserver Award (advanced level) – a minimum 20 days (or equivalent) over 6 months

John Muir Award participants in Moray were registered for the scheme through a variety of groups, these include 'Wild Things!' (Findhorn based provider delivering nature based programmes to schools and other groups), Skillforce Moray and Moray DofE.

During August 2015 to June 2016, Moray pupils from 10 primary schools and 4 secondary schools signed up and completed the John Muir Awards in the Cairngorms.

In 2015-16 a total of 496 John Muir Awards were gained by young people in Moray (aged 16 years and under) through the John Muir Award scheme in the Cairngorms. The breakdown of awards and ages are detailed below:

	Age					Totals
	Under 10	10-11	12-16	17-24	Over 25*	
Moray	197	185	114	8	7	511

	Gender		Totals
	Male	Female	
Moray	253	258	511

	Awards Achieved (2015-16)			Total
	Discovery	Explorer	Conserver	
Moray	498	13	0	511

Notes:

- Over 25 category may include teachers or group leaders

Source: John Muir Award scheme, Cairngorm National Park Authority, December 2016

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Musical Achievements (ABRSM)

The National Youth Orchestras of Scotland (NYOS) provides orchestral experiences in classical and jazz music for its students from the age of 8 – 25, through eight ensembles, ranging in age, size and musical style. NYOS Junior Orchestra is for ambitious young musicians aged between 8 and 14 years old and the first step on the ladder for The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. NYOS Senior Orchestra is for graduates of the NYOS Junior Orchestra and older students aged between 12 and 18 years old, aspiring to become members of The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland is the flagship orchestra of NYOS for musicians aged between 13 and 25. Auditions for entry to The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland are held annually, throughout Scotland, attracting hundreds of auditionees each year.

This year Moray pupils were involved in a number of NYOS training and courses. A total of 5 students from Moray auditioned and were offered places with the NYOS; 3 students joined the Junior Orchestra, and one each joined the Senior and Symphony Orchestras. Five pupils were also selected to be part of the Grampian Youth Orchestra (GYO), which included 4 playing the violin and 1 the trombone. Former Elgin Academy student, Alan Adams (Bass Trombonist) auditioned for the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS) last year during his 5th year and was accepted. Alan entered RCS at age 17 which is a significant achievement, and is now in his 1st year studying for a BMus in performance.

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) is an examinations board in London which provides examinations in music at centres around the world. The Royal Schools referred to in the ABRSM's title are: The Royal Academy of Music, The Royal College of Music, The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, The Royal Northern College of Music. More than 650,000 candidates take the ABRSM examinations each year in over 93 countries.

In March, June and December each year the Head of Instrumental Instruction compiles a list of grades passed after each Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examination and these are published in the Northern Scot.

ABRSM results on average per year

A total of 150 students in the Moray Council's Instrumental Instruction Service achieved an award through ABRSM examinations in 2016. Based on results for 2016, 48% achieved a standard pass, 37% achieving merit award and 15% receiving a distinction. Almost two thirds of exams were for the violin, while students also sat exams for the cello, clarinet, bass, flute and the oboe. The pupils were from all 8 secondary schools and a number of primary schools with pupils varying in age from 8 – 18.

	Total Number	Distinction	Merit	Pass
2016	150	23	55	72

Source: Instrumental Services, The Moray Council (January, 2017)

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Scottish Council – The Scout Association

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect – We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care – We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Cooperation – We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends

There are 4 scouting sections which are age related, these are the Beavers (age 6-8), Cubs (age 8-10), Scouts (age 10-14), Explorers (age 14-18) and Network (age 18-25). All scouting members are guided through a programme of training, activities, badges and awards as they progress through the 5 scouting sections.

The ultimate award that a scout can achieve is the Queen's Scout Award. The Award is comparable to the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, however, to gain the award, a Queen's Scout must also complete a values based programme in addition to the common requirements of both awards.

The number of Beavers/Cubs/Scouts in Moray at the January 2017 census:-

Group	Section				Total
	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	
1 st Aberlour	18	14	7	5	44
Dufftown	18	14	-	-	32
1 st Elgin	16	10	31	-	57
2 nd Elgin	28	44	31	25	128
1 st Fochabers	22	38	34	14	108
1 st Forres	16	15	21	6	58
1 st Hopeman	14	31	19	6	70
1 st Kinloss	16	13	21	13	63
1 st Lossiemouth	18	10	1	4	33
2 nd Keith	16	14	18	7	55
Mosstodloch	15	25	39	25	104
Total	197	228	222	105	752

Overall there has been an increase in numbers across Moray for scouting compared to last years census data, however there is increased pressure in recruiting volunteer leaders to meet demand.

Source: Amazing Things, Youth Scotland (2011)
Moray District Scout Council, February 2017

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Active Schools and Sport Leaders

Active Schools is a Scottish Executive initiative, joint funded by SportsScotland and the local authority, with the aim of increasing the activity levels of children by enabling the provision of high-quality, safe and sustainable physical activity opportunities for all pupils. The Active Schools team provides these opportunities during the formal, informal and extended curriculum as well as in the wider community. The remit of the program is wide and includes all forms of activity: sport at the grass-roots level, active travel, outdoor adventure and the active arts.

The key objectives of the program are:

- To get children to be physically active for one hour a day, making 'more children, more active, more often'.
- To develop sustainable pathways and opportunities for children to develop their interests and potential.
- To develop fully inclusive programmes so that every child in every school has access to physical activity and sporting opportunity.

In 2015/16 Active Schools in Moray delivered a total of 88,134 participant sessions (participant sessions are the number of 'visits' children have made to activities and are the key metric for SportsScotland in measuring impact), a significant increase since 2013 (63,177 attendances), up by nearly 40%. The actual number of distinct participants (pupils who attended at least one session) increased to 4,592, which represented 38% of the 2015/16 school roll. This was up from 3,619 participants in 2013/14, or 30% of the school roll.

5,164 activity sessions were delivered in the academic year, again well up on the previous two years. Of those who delivered sessions there were 513 coaches/deliverers who took at least one session, this included **63 secondary pupils** who delivered activity sessions in physical activity and sports across Moray schools. Overall 88% of those who delivered sessions were volunteers.

2015/16 has seen an increase in the number of sports/community clubs engaged with schools, with 464 school club links active during the year. This includes clubs providing regular sessions for school pupils or providing initial taster sessions.

Active Schools Coordinators continued to offer a diverse range of opportunities for all children to become active in 2015-16. Programmes such as 'Stay & Play' multi-activity sessions for P1-3s in the Speyside schools; and break-time playground games sessions for young primary-aged pupils led by trained P7s in the Buckie area primary schools were all effective in meeting the challenge of getting as many children as possible to take part by building activity into or immediately following the school day.

A report from Cycling Scotland in February showed that rates of cycling in Moray are higher than the national average; in particular the percentage of children cycling to schools is 7% against a national average of 5%. These figures demonstrate the impact of many years of cycling programmes run in Moray by Active Schools, such as training school staff and volunteers to deliver Bikeability sessions, and organising P7 transition cycle rides for children in the Forres and Elgin areas.

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2015/16 saw the creation of a dedicated School Sport Competition role within the Active Schools team in order to give more schools the opportunity to meet each other in the spirit of friendly competition. Some highlights of this programme in its first year of existence include:

- 592 distinct participants competed in the School Sport Competition programme alone, with 53 coaches & 49 officials supporting 14 competition structures in 10 different sports for secondary schools.
- Moray Secondary Schools Junior Netball League took place at Gordonstoun School with 64 players from 5 secondary schools. The competition was run in partnership with Lossie Ladies Netball Club and Gordonstoun School.
- Secondary Schools Girls Football League (Unison Cup Trophy) took place at Gordonstoun with over 60 players from six schools playing 21 short matches.
- Secondary Schools Basketball League (Cashback for Communities Cup) took place at Elgin Academy and delivered in partnership with Elgin Eagles Basketball Club. 40 players from 6 schools played 16 short games.

A core element in Active Schools work is creating a pathway from school to community sport which continued in 2015/16, such as through the Primary School Cross Country delivered in partnership with local athletics clubs; and the Moray School Orienteering Festival delivered in partnership with Moravian Orienteering Club.

Active Schools renewed their focus on supporting young people to deliver activity with the launch of a support package for any young person engaged in any form of sports leadership, whether in school or in the community, formal or informal. Fifteen young leaders took part in a training day delivered through Education Through Cashback (ETC) where these young leaders learned about conflict resolution, communication and goal setting – and had the opportunity to gain official recognition for their volunteering efforts through Saltire Volunteer Awards.

A number of Secondary school pupils helped deliver regular sessions in their own schools and community facilities, while others were involved in event planning such as assisting in the delivery of Milne's & Buckie ASG Orienteering Festival; and a number of Buckie High young leaders were involved in planning and delivering the Active Schools Primary Cross Country under the mentorship of their Active School Co-ordinator.

Active Schools' support to these and other outstanding individual youth leaders, their involvement over many years in well-established leadership programmes such as Young Ambassadors and Lead 2014, and the work in creating a programme of widespread, diverse and inclusive opportunities to get all children active has led to a performance dividend in Moray's secondary schools: young people who have come through programmes in sports like cricket, rugby, athletics and more are now playing at an elite level. More importantly, many more young people have developed a deeper involvement with their own sport, and sport in general, through opportunities provided to become coaches/leaders, officials and event planners, developing in them skills for life which will stand them in good stead once they leave school.

Source: Active Schools, Moray Council, March 2017

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Youth Scotland – The Dynamic Youth Awards

The Dynamic Youth Awards are peer assessed awards recognising the contributions and achievements of young people in the 10 to 14 age group.

Dynamic Youth Awards are delivered throughout Scotland in youth work, social work, school and alternative curriculum settings. The Awards provide a quality process that can be used to accredit any activity, supporting young people to plan their involvement, record what they do, review their achievements, and access peer group support and assessment.

Dynamic Youth Awards are now recognised by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and have been placed on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). The awards can also be used as an access route to the Youth Achievement Awards.

During 2015-16, 121 young people gained their Dynamic Youth Award through the Moray Council's Operating Agency of the Engagement Team. This represented a total of 2,962 hours of work having been carried out in achieving these awards. A number of youth groups and schools were involved in helping young people achieve their awards.

Youth Scotland – The Youth Achievement Awards

Youth Achievement Awards offer a peer assessed approach to recognising and accrediting achievements and contributions of young people aged 14 plus.

Youth Achievement Awards enable young people to develop as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors; and recognise young people's contributions in a variety of settings including youth work, volunteering, active citizenship, alternative curriculum and formal education.

The awards recognise four levels of responsibility taken by young people participating in activities that interest them:

- Bronze Award is about **taking part** – equates to four 15-hour challenges
- Silver Award young people **assist** / share responsibility (six 15-hour challenges)
- The Gold Award young people take individual responsibility to **organise** activities (seven 15-hour challenges)
- The Platinum Award young people undertake training and **lead** (includes a total of 135 hours participation)

Over the last five years 36 young people have gone on to successfully complete a Youth Achievement Award through Moray Council's Operating Agency:-

Award	2011-16
Bronze	31
Silver	2
Gold	0
Platinum	3
Total	36

Source: Amazing Things, Youth Scotland (2011)
Youth Scotland website – www.youthscotland.or.guk, July, 2015

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Moray Council – Youth Work

In 2015-16 there was a reduction in the number of accreditations achieved through the Moray Council Engagement Team. This was a result of the team's emphasis broadening from predominately school based delivery to include a wider range of groupwork and one to one supports and an increased focus on health and wellbeing. It is anticipated that as a result of recent staff training a broader range of activity will be accredited in the future.

Young people are encouraged to sign up online for the Saltire Award via tsi Moray, however some young people also chose to access the award through their specific project work.

A summary of the awards achieved through the Engagement Team are outlined in the table below:

Award Type	Number Achieving
Dynamic Youth Award	121
Youth Achievement Award	4 bronze; 1Platinum
Saltire Award	39
SQA	2 Leadership; 4 Wellbeing; 4 Personal development
Total	170

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The number of young people progressing through the Awards is increasing. The infrastructure supporting outdoor learning has been bolstered in each school/unit through the provision of outdoor kits by Moray Local awards Committee via the Community Covenant Grant Scheme.

The establishment of a Moray Open Award Centre to support young people to complete their award has been effective. The central Gold Open Award Centre has made good use of volunteers' skills and assisted individuals to gain the necessary expedition training and experience. One outcome from this is that we are now seeing Gold achievers returning and volunteering their time back into the award provision.

The tables in the next two pages provide a breakdown of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards achieved and new starts over the last three years.

Youth Awards in Moray

Duke of Edinburgh – Awards Achieved	Awards Achieved 2013/14				Awards Achieved 2014/15				Awards Achieved 2015/2016			
	1 Bronze	2 Silver	3 Gold	Total	1 Bronze	2 Silver	3 Gold	Total	1 Bronze	2 Silver	3 Gold	Total
Buckie High School	5	6	0	11	6	4	1	11	12	0	1	13
Buckie High School (ASN)	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
DofE Moray ASN Centre	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	6	0	9
DofE Moray Independents	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Drumduan Upper School	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	5	0	0	5
Elgin Academy	7	2	0	9	32	2	0	34	23	12	2	37
Elgin High School	8	0	0	8	2	0	0	2	11	0	0	11
Forres Academy	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	3
Forres Open Award Centre	14	3	0	17	14	13	0	27	1	1	1	3
Gold OAC	9	10	4	23	0	13	3	16	0	1	4	5
KGS (SFL)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keith Grammar School	1	1	0	2	6	1	0	7	6	0	0	6
Kinloss Explorer Scouts	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	6	0	2	0	2
Milne's High School	18	3	0	21	15	13	1	29	17	5	6	28
Moray DAM	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moray OAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	12	0	21
Moray Sea Cadets	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SFL Forres Academy	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Skillforce	27	0	0	27	5	0	0	5	14	0	0	14
Speyside High School	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	99	26	6	131	97	49	6	152	101	42	14	157

NB: The statistics presented are for full awards.

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Duke of Edinburgh – New Starts	Awards Achieved 2013/14				Awards Achieved 2014/15				Awards Achieved 2015/2016			
	1 Bronze	2 Silver	3 Gold	Total	1 Bronze	2 Silver	3 Gold	Total	1 Bronze	2 Silver	3 Gold	Total
Airplay Lossie	3	2	0	5	5	0	1	6	0	0	0	0
Buckie High School	29	3	0	32	41	0	3	44	24	2	0	26
Buckie High School (ASN)	3	0	0	3	5	4	0	9	0	0	0	0
DofE Moray ASN Centre	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	3	1	4
DofE Moray Independents	3	2	0	5	2	4	0	6	2	0	0	2
Drumduan Upper School	2	0	0	2	1	10	0	11	10	5	0	15
Elgin Academy	31	8	1	40	31	33	5	69	41	22	2	65
Elgin High School	7	6	0	13	11	0	0	11	3	7	0	10
Forres Academy	0	13	0	13	0	9	0	9	18	0	0	18
Forres Open Award Centre	30	24	2	56	5	10	7	22	1	1	2	4
Gold OAC	0	13	11	24	0	0	11	11	0	0	2	2
KGS (SFL)	4	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keith "the loft"	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	4	3	0	0	3
Keith Grammar School	17	1	4	22	24	9	0	33	7	5	1	13
Kinloss Explorer Scouts	5	4	0	9	6	5	5	16	0	0	0	0
Lossie Youth Cafe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Lossiemouth High School	11	0	0	11	0	9	0	9	0	6	0	6
Milne's High School	21	12	1	34	33	10	9	52	20	15	7	42
Milne's High School (ASN)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2
Moray DAM	0	2	0	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
Moray OAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	11	11	35
Moray Sea Cadets	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	0	0	0
Skillforce	69	0	0	69	23	0	0	23	16	0	0	16
Speyside High School	8	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	6	5	0	11
Total	246	92	20	358	205	110	41	356	166	82	28	276

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Saltire Awards

Saltire Awards are the new Scottish awards designed to formally recognise the commitment and contribution of youth volunteering to voluntary organisations.

Supported by the Scottish Government the Saltire Awards enable young volunteers to record the skills, experience and learning gained through successful volunteering placements provided by local and national voluntary agencies.

The Awards are split in to four sections – The Challenge, The Approach, The Ascent and The Summit and achievement is recognised in the form of Saltire Award certificates and Young Scot reward points.

Saltire Awards are designed to encourage, enable and reward youth volunteering and to make it easy for organisations to support young people to take part.

The following table provides a breakdown of the various Saltire Awards achieved through tsiMoray by Moray young people during 2015-16.

tsiMORAY – Saltire Statistics 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016:

Saltire Awards Statistics	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	TOTAL
New Saltire Registered	6	7	18	17	1	17	4	12	15	14	12	1	124
Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	42
Approach 10	4	0	0	0	0	10	1	2	41	10	9	10	87
Approach 25	3	0	1	0	0	5	1	2	34	6	5	0	57
Ascent 50	4	0	7	0	0	3	1	1	22	5	4	0	47
Ascent 100	2	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	13	1	0	0	21
Ascent 200	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	5	1	0	0	12
Ascent 500	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Summit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ambassador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Skillforce - Moray

SkillForce is primarily aimed at young people who are at risk of disengaging or have disengaged from education.

The Skillforce programmes focus on character development and aim to increase young people's non-cognitive skills or soft-skills, i.e. self-confidence, resilience and motivation. By increasing these attributes, young people will overcome some of the recognised barriers to learning and increase their perception of their ability and expectations thereby being more equipped and motivated to tackle more challenging areas of the curriculum.

SkillForce is an educational charity working in partnership with schools and local authorities to deliver a uniquely successful curriculum to people who may not achieve traditional "academic" qualifications. The team delivers a curriculum and activities that provide skills, experience, personal support and most importantly, the self-belief to aspire and achieve. The vision is a future where every young person, whatever their background or ability, is given the chance to fulfil their true potential and become a valued member of their community. This is done by facilitating positive and permanent change in young people's lives.

Moray Skillforce deliver educational programmes in both primary and secondary schools to young people. Students are offered the opportunity to gain a number of wider awards and/or qualifications and encouraged to reach their academic potential. The aim is to increase the skills and employability of these young people.

In 2015/16 Moray Skillforce delivered 21 programmes and worked with 375 young people across the eight secondary schools and 5 primary schools. A total of 312 students enrolled on at least one qualification/awards programme, with a total of 714 awards achieved during the year. A table of the achievements is provided on the next page.

In addition to the awards achieved by the young people engaged with Skillforce Moray, there were improvements across the board in attendance rates and a reduction in the volume of exclusion. When compared to student data from the previous year attendance rates increased by 3.5% for the primary school pupils, while secondary pupil rates increased by 2%. School days lost due to exclusion reduced by almost 40%.

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Moray Secondary Schools Student Achievement 2015/16											
	Student Enrolment	Bronze NNAS National Navigator	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze	Emergency First Aid	Emergency First Aid at work	Employability Award	Heartstart	Personal Development	Skillforce Princes Award	ASDAN Bronze	ASDAN Silver
Schools / Year Group											
Buckie High	29	10			14		25		14		
Elgin Academy	26	11		8		4	14			14	
Elgin High	28						8	8	8	2	
Forres Academy	26	19	1		10		26		12	26	
Keith Grammar	12				7				1		
Milne's High	24	8		7			9		7	6	
Speyside High	38			7		14				15	7
Total	183	48	1	22	31	18	82	8	42	63	7

*NNA – National Navigation Award

Moray Primary Schools Student Achievement 2015/16					
	Student Enrolment	Heartstart	Playmaker	Junior Prince's Award	Young Star Navigator (Bronze)
Schools / Year Group					
Cluny Primary	37	35	35	35	35
Kinloss Primary	31	29	29	25	27
Pilmuir Primary	22	21	-	-	-
Seafield Primary	39	36	30	25	30
Total	129	121	94	85	92