



Short Listed Nominations: 2007-2008

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<u>Arts and Culture</u>				
	Donbank Primary School	Primary 3 Class		<p>The class created a Doric version of Julia Donaldson's Gruffalo, called Crocorattie - a creature which travels around Tillydrone.</p> <p>Encouraged by the Reading Bus initiative, the children watched a performance of the Gruffalo at Her Majesty's Theatre, and interviewed the actors. They then performed their own version when the actors visited the school.</p> <p>The performance has also been filmed for Learning & Teaching Scotland, and for a DVD which the school hopes to sell.</p> <p>The group were invited to take part in the Word festival in May, and have presented their work to visitors from Aberdeen University and to Julia Donaldson herself.</p> <p>All audiences have given high praise to the children for their contribution to the school, community, and their local culture and heritage.</p>
	Marlpool School	Marlpool School		<p>The pupils studied graffiti art, and using their newly acquired knowledge of graffiti they decorated the protective fence between their school and the new Bucksburn Academy currently being built, which they will move to in October 2009.</p> <p>The builders offered to paint a base coat on the fence and then each class chose their own section of the fence to decorate. They planned their designs on paper first and enjoyed transferring these outside on a large scale. Local gangs contributed a little and the pupils incorporated their work into their own. The local community is pleased with the finished result and the large school logo, the sun, has become a landmark for the area.</p> <p>The work is being trialled as a pioneering Expressive Arts / Curriculum for Excellence project for Aberdeen City, and the idea was highly praised by Her Majesty's Inspectorate when they visited the school in January 2008.</p>

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	The Reading Bus Depot	The Reading Bus		<p>The Reading Bus has produced a range of work across the arts during the school session. This has included a series of radio broadcasts in partnership with the Station House Media Unit. There is a regular live broadcast each week, which is prepared and presented by classes from primary schools in the St Machar area, with the support of their class teacher and the Reading Bus team.</p> <p>The Reading Bus has also been involved in film making, by creating 14 animated films in partnership with schools. Storytellers have worked with the different classes to create storylines which are then translated into animations.</p> <p>An anthology of writing called "Search Inside" has been created by pupils. The stories have deliberate cliff-hanger endings to encourage the reader to think about possible endings. The book was launched at the Word Festival in May.</p> <p>A collaborative project called "From West Africa to Old Aberdeen" has involved Primary 7 pupils from St Peters RC school opening their own exhibition at Aberdeen University, as well as publishing their own high quality book of illustrated writings.</p>

Business Links

Bankhead Academy	Bankhead Academy Go4Set Team		<p>The school has taken part in the Go4Set challenge for the second year running. The team took part in a range of activities, including building a model helipad from a limited resource of flat sheets of paper and investigating how energy is used at the school. This involved researching and writing a report to demonstrate the team's knowledge of energy and how it is produced in useable forms. The team from Bankhead were named as the winners of this year's competition.</p>
Hazlehead Academy	Hazlehead Academy Manor Oak Partnership		<p>A partnership between the school and Manor Oak Honda was established in September 2007, with the aim of encouraging youngsters considering a career in the motor trade by providing them with an extended work placement over several months. A second aim was to provide youngsters who had experienced a lack of motivation at school with a taste of a true working environment. There was a major commitment from the staff at Manor Oak who offered twelve pupils a placement visit once every month.</p> <p>The pupils showed a marked improvement in attitude, attendance and behaviour as a result of the placements, and one of the pupils was offered a four year apprenticeship at Manor Oak. Plans are under way to repeat the programme for a new group of pupils next year.</p>
Kittybrewster Primary School	Kittybrewster Primary School		<p>The partnership between the school and John Lewis Aberdeen began in December 2006, and was formalised in March 2008. The partnership has led to a number of successful projects, including providing a number of bags containing sports equipment which pupils from the school are able to take out on loan, the refurbishment of the school tuck shop, redecorating the reading area on the ground floor of the school, and the display of pupils writing in the John Lewis store.</p>

Enterprising Young People

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	Bridge of Don Academy	Young Engineers Club		<p>The club took part in the Robert Gordon University and Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Sub-Sea Challenge. This required the team to design and construct a remotely operated vehicle (ROV), which had to perform a number of tasks under water, including picking up objects from the sea floor, grabbing rock samples and measuring the temperature of sub-sea water flow.</p> <p>The boys gave up time after school and worked primarily on their own. They carried out extensive research which played a key part in their success in the European heat of the competition. Their prize is an all expenses paid trip to San Diego in June to compete in the world MATE sub-sea challenge.</p>
	Holy Family RC Primary School	Primary 5/6 Pupils		<p>The pupils secured a business link with Summerhill Lodge Hotel, and to celebrate the deal they held an event at the hotel in which they delivered a presentation to parents on Enterprise and its links with a Curriculum for Excellence. They designed a school Christmas card which was put on sale and they participated in a Probationer Teachers event in which they delivered a presentation on Enterprise. They then planned and held a fashion show, which took place at the Matalan store. Parents became involved in the organisation of the event. As a result of the event the pupils' confidence increased significantly. More recently the class has established a school bank, supported by the Royal Bank of Scotland.</p>
	Northfield Academy	Community Sports Leaders (CSL) Group		<p>The group of S5-6 pupils carried out a series of projects in 2007-08, which included being trained as sports leaders, leading to them leading sports coaching sessions in other schools. In conjunction with the school's business partner, John Lewis, they also organised a fashion show jointly with P5 pupils in the Northfield area, enabling them to become more effective role models for the younger pupils.</p> <p>A major project organised by the group with the support of John Lewis was a city-wide conference entitled Respect and Leadership for senior pupils at all secondary schools. They organised inspirational keynote speakers and a workshop programme which included presentations from students from all of the schools.</p>
	St Peters RC Primary School	Eden Johnson	Nicole Anderson Jasmine Regmi	<p>The three girls wanted to start a skipping club at the school, and with the help of their Active Schools Coordinator they organised the club to their own specifications. The club proved to be a resounding success, with 20 - 30 pupils from P5-7 attending each week. The girls organised the club to cater for beginners, intermediates and expert skippers, and have arranged a reward scheme for regular attendees and those who show the most improvement.</p> <p>After successfully applying for funding from the Council they bought additional equipment and trained P4 pupils to become skipping leaders.</p> <p>The girls suggested their club idea could be rolled out to other schools, and so the Active Schools coordinator used the girls' model to introduce the idea to other schools within the St Machar ASG. Over 40 senior pupils have now been trained as skipping leaders and around 100 pupils now regularly attend a club.</p>
<u>Healthy Living</u>				
	Harlaw Academy	Tina Stockman		<p>Tina has implemented the Friends Programme at Harlaw Academy which takes a preventative approach to anxiety disorder and other mental health issues by promoting self esteem, better peer relationships, peer acceptance and pupil-teacher interactions. The current group of four pupils in the programme have become able to discuss their problems and fears in front of each other, support each other, and have learned different coping skills.</p>

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	Kingswells Primary School	SNAG Group		The Health Improvement and School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) is made up of pupils, staff and parents who work together to promote healthy lifestyles and choices for all. They meet each month to share ideas and discuss initiatives, which have included healthy snack days, themed lunch days, healthy posters and a golden table, where pupils displaying good manners at lunch time are allowed to sit. Each of these initiatives have raised the profile of health and well-being and have had a very positive impact on pupils.
	Oldmachar Academy	Alcohol Awareness Peer Education Project		Eight pupils from S3-S4 developed a peer education approach to delivering alcohol awareness workshops to younger pupils in S2. The younger pupils were engaged whilst the peer education group were able to develop their own knowledge and skills in the topic, as well as their general confidence and self esteem. They demonstrated courage and commitment and developed their skills in communication, confidence and planning.

Inspirational Young Person

Airyhall Primary School	Emma Murison		Emma was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease last year, and has to be fed through a tube, initially through her nose, and connected to a backpack which she wears. She has coped with this in an extremely mature and practical manner, offering to go to each of the classes in school to explain why she was wearing the tube and backpack. She has taken very little time off school, never made a fuss and never looked for additional attention or special treatment. She works hard in class and has an extremely positive attitude, taking an active part in all school activities. She is described as an inspiration to all children in the school.
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Looking After the Environment

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Holy Family RC Primary School	ASN Base		The six pupils from the school's ASN base wanted to make the playground more attractive, by concentrating on reducing litter. They designed logos and T-shirts to wear whilst making regular patrols of the playground to pick up litter. The litter collected is sorted and recycled using recycling boxes which are placed throughout the school. They then turned their attention to the classrooms and surrounding areas, and make regular spot checks of each classroom, awarding certificates to the tidiest classes.

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	Torry Academy	Torry Academy Campaigns and Fundraising Group		The group is made up of 20 pupils from S1-S4 who meet each week to try to make a difference to the world around them - locally, nationally and globally. They have organised a range of fundraising activities which together helped raise almost £9000 this year. The group most deserves an award for its campaigning and direct action. They have written to MPs, MEPs, MSPs, cabinet ministers, local councillors and business leaders on issues they feel are important, and they organised a successful beach clean of Nigg Bay Beach. By taking a hands-on approach pupils have proved they are willing to get stuck in, and visiting politicians are often surprised by the awareness of issues and passion pupils display in their questioning.

Musical Achievement

Mile-End Primary School	Hannah Renton			Hannah is an accomplished violinist. She is a member of the National Children's Orchestra of Scotland, and she took part in the 31st National Association of Accordion and Fiddle Clubs Championship and as a result featured in the BBC Radio Scotland programme "Take The Floor".
Oldmachar Academy	Twisted Felony			These four boys are extremely valuable members of the music department, regular performers at the school's Friday gigs and are always keen to help out. Recently the band reached the final of XFM's Rock School competition. They were the only Scottish band to reach the final stages and they represented themselves and the school in an extremely positive way.
Oldmachar Academy	Kieran McLeod			Kieran is an outstanding musician, and has been offered a place on the Bachelor of Music course at the Royal Academy of Music.

Neighbourhood Working

Torry ASG Primary Schools	Livewire Initiative			In conjunction with Aberdeen based Livewire Theatre Company the three primary schools decided to tackle common concerns - raising self-esteem, assertiveness, anti-bullying, drugs and alcohol awareness and internet safety. Drama, poetry, dance and music were used to engage the children, and P6 & 7 children from all schools came together for a performance based on drugs awareness, performed for families and members of the community. All schools reported a decrease in playground conflict and issues can be discussed in a reasonable and measured manner.
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Opportunities for All

Bridge of Don Academy	Kimberley Donald	Kim Officer	Ruby Thavam	Kerry McLaughlin, Danielle Brands	Suzu Meston, Megan Ryan	The S5 & 6 girls have assisted in the school's MICAS base, which began in August 2007 to provide support to pupils on the autistic spectrum. The girls undertook voluntary training to understand more about autism, and spent their intervals and lunch times with pupils from the base, focussing on building their friendship skills. They have proven to be a real asset to the base, and the pupils from the base have benefited greatly.
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<u>Parent / Carer Involvement</u>				
	Linksfield Community Centre	Linksfield Youth Work Team		The Linksfield team has taken a wide ranging approach to involving parents over the last year. The routes to increased involvement by parents have included Summer fun workshops for all the family, a festive fun day which provided a contact point between families and the team as well as a range of family learning opportunities, and a Books Are Great (BAG) project where a range of reading events were organised.
	The Reading Bus Depot	The Reading Bus		A group of 3 parents from Hanover Street School conducted their own research about ways of engaging boys in reading. This was carried out in partnership with the Reading Bus and was sponsored by the Scottish Community Action Research Fund. The parents carried out a range of research and piloted new resources with Primary 7 pupils. They presented their findings at the Reading Bus's first birthday party, and launched their new resources at a special event at Hanover Street School. They are now making a documentary film to record their research, with support from the Station House Media Unit. This innovative research work has increased involvement of parents not only in the school but in the wider research area of motivating boys to read - a subject of great national interest.
<u>Physical Achievement</u>				
	Bridge of Don Academy	Murray Kinnaird		Murray has played as a goal keeper since he was in Primary 5, and has played for Dyce Boys Club since 2001. His efforts throughout the season have led to him being selected for the Community Youth Project Scotlans under 16 squad. This will see him playing for his country against Wales on 4th May before going on to play in the under 16 Four Nations tournament against England, Ireland and Wales in June.
	Kingswells Primary School	Beth McCaw		Beth is an accomplished gymnast and has been selected for the Scottish Gymnastic Start Squad, the highest squad for her age group. She has recently received the North of Scotland Level 4 Gymnastics Champion 2007 award, and was the winner of the Aberdeen Heat of the North of Scotland Youth Series for Mountaineering. She is very committed to her training regime - training 3 nights a week and all day Saturday, and on top of that attends monthly training camps at SportScotland National Centre in Inverclyde where Bulgarian ex-Olympic gymnast Daniela Nanova puts her through her paces!
	Kingswells Primary School	Georgia Boylan		Georgia recently achieved black belt status in Choi Kwang-Do. She is the youngest person in the North East of Scotland to have achieved this. She has been a member of the Choi Kwang-Do Black Belt Academy for four years, and has worked her way through 18 levels to achieve her black belt.

Positive Ethos

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	Tullos Primary School	Tullos Primary School		The school has developed a Rainbow Room in which a group meets four times per week to develop their social skills, through practical activities such as gardening, cooking, painting, modelling etc. This year a play therapist has been employed to work on a one-to-one basis with younger vulnerable children, and the school has the support of an ASG school counsellor to work in confidence with older pupils. These alternative means of support have helped establish a very positive ethos at the school. Staff are more confident that the needs of the children are being met in the widest sense and the pupils know there is support there if needed.

Raising Achievement

Hazlehead/Northfield/Muirfield	Hazlehead Academy	Northfield Academy	Muirfield Primary School	Project to increase attainment and experience of English Level E pupils at Muirfield, who transfer to Northfield and Hazlehead Academies. A collaborative unit on Macbeth was produced and has run over the last two terms, delivered by teachers from the two academies. The collaboration has helped raise achievement by allowing pupils to focus on the wider aspects of Level E.
Linksfield Community Centre	13-16 Trades Project			Young people from Bankhead, Kincorth, St Machar, Northfield & Torry Academies attend the project for two days per week, benefiting from learning practical skills from real professionals from different trades within the construction industry, including bricklaying, joinery, decorative painting, plumbing and roof tiling. The scheme won strong support from the construction industry, which described it as a model of good practice for introducing young people to trades training.
Newhills Primary School	Heather McLeod			Used ICT to focus on SFL and raising the achievement, personally and academically, of the low achievers in the school. Used a wide range of technologies in innovative ways which has changed the attitudes towards SFL of the staff, parents and pupils. Has also raised the profile of ICT in the school. Work has included the creation of a homework blog to improve home / school communication.

Special Success

Aberdeen Grammar School	Natalie Smith	Rachel Watson		Natalie and Rachel have been the top debating team in Scotland throughout this session, and were winners of the most prestigious debating award in Britain - The Cambridge University Schools Debating Competition. Only two Scottish teams got through to the Finals Day. They have both been chosen to represent Scotland in the World Schools Debating Competition in the USA.
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	Aberdeen Grammar School	Timothy Coleman		Timothy directed a play, "Black Comedy" by Peter Shaffer. This is a farce which is very difficult to direct successfully, but Timothy's sense of timing, commitment to the show and ability to inspire others resulted in an innovative and highly amusing show which was appreciated by pupils, staff and parents. He had very little assistance from staff and produced and managed his cast and crew brilliantly.
	Aberdeen Grammar School	Janet Adams		Achieved the full Standard for Headship from the General Teaching Council for Scotland, by completing the Scottish Qualification for Headship programme.
	Ashley Road Primary School	Saskia Harper		Saskia, along with her classmates, entered the National Galleries of Scotland annual writing competition, which is based on paintings currently being exhibited around the country. Saskia wrote a story about the painting called "Street Kids" by Joan Eardley, and was awarded a Special Merit prize and attended a prize giving in Edinburgh where her story was read out.
	Bramble Brae Primary School	Paul Rooke		Achieved the full Standard for Headship from the General Teaching Council for Scotland, by completing the Scottish Qualification for Headship programme.
	Bridge of Don Academy	Caroline Taylor		Achieved fully Chartered Teacher status with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.
	Bridge of Don Academy	Kyle Le Huray	Bruce Davidson	Both pupils have worked tirelessly and most enthusiastically in raising awareness about human rights abuses around the world.
	Bridge of Don Academy	Jacqueline Taylor		Jacqueline's enthusiasm for and achievement in Travel and Tourism has led to her representing the school to a high standard in field trips, visits to industry and universities.
	Fernielea Primary School	Ashley Petrie		Achieved the full Standard for Headship from the General Teaching Council for Scotland, by completing the Scottish Qualification for Headship programme.
	Hazlehead Academy	U-13 Football Team		The team was named as the winner of Scottish Cup for 2008, a tournament which included over 170 schools. They are one of the few teams from the North-East to have ever won the competition.
	Holy Family RC Primary School	Dorothy Hagan		Achieved the full Standard for Headship from the General Teaching Council for Scotland, by completing the Scottish Qualification for Headship programme.
	Mile-End primary School	Gordon Fraser		Gordon took part in a poetry competition and won the opportunity to take his class to meet Michael Rosen, the Children's Laureate.
	Mile-End Primary School	Shauna Crombie		Shauna has instigated several fundraising activities for the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, after her teacher's son died as a result of this condition. She has brought comfort to others by helping raise funds in a quiet unassuming way.

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	Mile-End Primary School	Kirsten Fraser		Kirsten visited the Scottish Parliament to receive an award for being one of the winners of the SCARF Calendar Competition 2008. She was an excellent ambassador for the school and the City.
	Mile-End Primary School	Morven Duff		Morven has taken part in national tennis trials, and in April/May he represented the Northeast / Highland area in a Performance Team Challenge in Prestwick, followed by an exchange visit to Stavanger.
	Muirfield Primary School (now Mill of Forrest Primary School)	Robert Petrie		Achieved the full Standard for Headship from the General Teaching Council for Scotland, by completing the Scottish Qualification for Headship programme.
	Oldmachar Academy	Andrew Winton		Mr Winton has worked at Oldmachar Academy for many years. He has taught Modern Studies for his whole life almost. He is working over the retirement age to help our school. He is a really nice gentleman and a great teacher.
	Oldmachar Academy	Andrew McLeman		Andrew was partnered with a pupil with visual impairment, and was selfless and incredibly patient in his willingness to include and allow his partner to take part in all aspects of school life. Andrew continues to be kind and supportive to his peers whilst maintaining his exceptional academic standards.
	Oldmachar Academy	Rachael Harrison		Rachael has been an exceptional pupil throughout her school career, both academically and in her personal conduct, and she is an excellent role model. Her participation in a recent trip to Auschwitz was one of full commitment.
	Oldmachar Academy	Jill McGrory		Jill was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis at the end of last year. She has battled through and now has the right medication to manage her condition. She has recently been offered an unconditional place at Edinburgh University to study PE.
	Oldmachar Academy	Roslyn Midgley		Achieved fully Chartered Teacher status with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.
	Oldmachar Academy	John Pirie	Christopher Thomson	John and Chris entered the Heriot-Watt programming challenge and came first in the group award out of all schools and colleges that entered. This is the second year running they have managed to achieve this. They worked on the program totally on their own.
	Oldmachar Academy	Ewan Hendry		Ewan was the victim of a serious road accident; he was hit by a bus whilst making his way to school, but has made a remarkable recovery and has made an important contribution to the road safety programme, delivered to S1 pupils in his House group.
	Oldmachar Academy	Scott Bruce	Scott Christie Cameron Ewen	These three boys have taken part in the Grampian Police Diced Cap Delta Challenge. They have planned and organised a range of activities to raise funds for their nominated charity, Momentum Pathways, which supports adults with aquired brain injury.

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	Oldmachar Academy	Scott	Gardner	Scott has severe visual impairment which impacts greatly on his ability to follow the curriculum, but with the help and support of parents and friends and staff at the school and the Visual Impairment Unit, he has been able to achieve success at his Standard Grades last session, and is on track to do well in his Higher examinations this year. Scott is admired for his resilience, diligence, great nature and sense of humour, and his ability to 'just get on with it'.
	Oldmachar Academy	Emma	Lavendar	Ms Lavendar has supported our class this year. She has created an award scheme for us which is helping to improve our behaviour. We appreciate what she does for our class and the fact that she is helping all of us. We are pleased that she is supporting us as she is kind and helpful.
	Seaton Primary School	Lesley	Wilson	Achieved fully Chartered Teacher status with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.
	St Peters RC Primary School	Josephine	Martin	Achieved the full Standard for Headship from the General Teaching Council for Scotland, by completing the Scottish Qualification for Headship programme.
	Vision Support Service	Alison	Price	Achieved fully Chartered Teacher status with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.
	Westerton Primary School	Keirah	Kirton	Keirah has made an outstanding contribution to the Westerton Theatre Company this session. For the company's latest production, of Calamity Jane, she prepared thoroughly and auditioned brilliantly, successfully securing the lead role. She is a talented singer, actor and dancer, but beyond this has demonstrated commitment and dedication. She is supportive of her fellow cast and brings out the best in them. She makes the most of all the opportunities she has at school.
	Woodlands School	Deborah	Scott-Paul	Achieved fully Chartered Teacher status with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.
	Woodside Primary School	Catherine	Blair	Achieved fully Chartered Teacher status with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

The Health & Care Award

CLAN (Cancer Link Aberdeen & North)	Eileen	Wheeler	Eileen is the Children & Families Support Manager at CLAN, and her diligent attitude and commitment to the service has resulted in measurable development within the sector. The Children's Service provides support to children and their families from the time of diagnosis, and provides therapeutic work with the children, regular contact with the hospital, placements for social work students, and relevant training to a range of professional bodies.
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	Deeside Family Centre	Deeside Family Centre & Substance Misuse Project		Deeside Family Centre and its Substance Misuse project have worked in partnership with other agencies to deliver services to meet the needs of communities, by developing a common understanding, sharing resources and working proactively. Positive outcomes for children and families have been evidenced in most cases.

The Schools Award

Kincorth Academy	Kincorth Academy & Petrofac Facilities Management			The education-industry partnership between Petrofac and Kincorth Academy is in its tenth year, and has benefited both the school and the company in many ways. The partnership has generated projects including industry dinners, where pupils gained experience in event and hotel management, fund raising events, pupil mentoring and work experience at Petrofac, and support and advice for organising a careers evening. Petrofac has also helped the school with its performing arts group, and its annual awards ceremony.
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Working in the Community

Bridge of Don Academy	Class 2 Skye 2			This art and design class were invited to help improve the lobby area of the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital, and have created their own interior designs for this.
Kingswells Primary School	Primary 6 pupils and staff			The primary 6 pupils have forged links with Kingsmead Nursing Home in Kingswells. A group of 6 pupils with a teacher travel to the home each week to spend time working with and getting to know the residents. A weekly programme of activities is organised in conjunction with the home. The aim of the project was to establish positive relationships with the elderly residents, and the pupils and residents have benefited through developing increased empathy, awareness, understanding and respect for each other.
Station House Media Unit	Youth Radio Project			The Youth Radio Project is made up of young people aged 12 to 16, who have been involved in researching and promoting local community based projects, and issues which affect young people in the community. After researching evidence and information they have passed on this information to the local community through the community radio station, SHMU FM, operated by the Station House Media Unit. They have developed good communication skills, and have learned how to access the appropriate services and facilities for themselves.