



Young Placemakers®

Championing active citizenship in the built environment

About Young Placemakers

PAS's Young Placemakers programme recognises that young people must be allowed to become more engaged with the decisions which help shape Scotland's future places. The programme gives young people the opportunity to become active citizens and to represent their local community to help build a more sustainable Scotland.

Young Placemakers:

- Inspire their peers to think about the places where they live and play as well as the future planning of their communities
- Become ambassadors for change
- Boost their employability
- Learn new skills and responsibilities and build confidence
- Increase their network of contacts
- Have opportunities for international exchange.

“My project looked at the benefits of green networks within the TAYplan area. It was very interesting and taught me how, in many different elements of our lives, planning can have an impact and it really made me appreciate the green infrastructure around me.”

- Katy, PAS Young Placemaker



The Curriculum for Excellence

The work that the Young Placemakers will be involved in is fully aligned to the Curriculum for Excellence, in particular Active Global Citizenship and Employability. It provides an interdisciplinary learning experience and has great potential for project work, which is directly relevant to current Higher Geography Human Environment topics and case studies of Urban Landscapes, Urbanisation and Urban Regeneration.

“I loved being a PAS Young Placemaker because it gave me a great opportunity to meet people and gain experience in getting young people involved.”

- Declan, PAS Young Placemaker

Young Placemaker Areas of Interest

Below are examples of subject areas that Young Placemakers have previously worked in:

Offshore Renewables

Marine Environment

Historic Buildings

New Housing

Climate Change

Town Centres

Sustainable Transport

Green Networks

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For primary schools: awakens curiosity in placemaking

For secondary schools: participating in and respecting other points of view

For secondary+: active citizens engaging in decision making

Example of Young Placemakers in action:

TAYplan is the strategic planning (land use) framework which guides where development should and should not go within the TAYplan area (Dundee, Perth & Kinross, Angus and North Fife) over the next 20 years. Each Young Placemaker that worked with TAYplan was trained by PAS, given a buddy (mentor) and then designed and carried out their own creative project amongst their peers and participated in community events. The 8 Young Placemakers also had the opportunity to present their ideas to Derek Mackay, then Minister for Local Government and Planning at the Scottish Parliament.

How do young people get involved in Young Placemakers?

Young people wishing to get involved and become a Young Placemaker should speak directly to their class teacher.

What makes a successful Young Placemaker?

- Enthusiastic, lively, determined and hardworking
- Positive work ethic (i.e. finishes projects)
- Good at getting on with others and also good at working by self
- Open to new ideas (i.e. flexible/adaptable)
- Good communication skills, written and verbal

Contact Us

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About PAS

PAS promotes education for all in the planning process, to encourage community engagement in creating positive places. With over 20 years of experience, the expertise of our staff and volunteers inspires and empowers people across Scotland.

Impartiality is key to our ability to deliver our services. We do not advocate for or against plans or proposals, rather we enable people to become involved in plans for their local community from the earliest opportunity.