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| Youth Matters conference Programme | |
| 9:30-10:00 | Registration & Welcome:   * Opportunity for young people to arrive, get registered. * Also available during this time will be an Instagram Wall, Photobooth, opportunity for young people to design the playlist for the day, Chill-Out Zone, Circus Skills. |
| 10:00-10:30 | Open Plenary:   * Comperes’ Introduction (Sarah & Lewis from the Usual Place). (2 Mins). * General Housekeeping, Health & Safety etc. (2 Mins). * Setting the scene for the Conference (2 Mins). * Bruce Adamson (Children’s Commissioner for Scotland) Keynote Speech. (10 Mins). * Finlay MSYP & Member of Dumfries and Galloway Youth Council Keynote Speech. (10 Mins). * Workshop Information & Outline for the Day. (4 Mins) |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break:   * Opportunity for young people to get refreshments and find their way to their workshops. * Also available during this time will be an Instagram Wall, opportunity for young people to design the playlist for the day, Chill-Out Zone, Circus Skills. |
| 10:45-11:15 | Workshop 1:   * When they register, young people will select 3 workshops from the list of 6 categories (see Workshops Document). These will be an opportunity for them to tell us what works well, what isn’t working, where the gaps are and what would make life better for them. * These will be facilitated by 1 Youth Worker, 1 Member of Dumfries and Galloway Youth Matters Steering Group and will have 1 Expert Listener. * Groups will be of between 12-15 young people per workshop. |
| 11:15-12:00 | PAMIS:   * I can if you can, multisensory storytelling session with PAMIS. |
| 12:00-12:45 | Lunch:   * Also available during this time will be an Instagram Wall, opportunity for young people to design the playlist for the day, Chill-Out Zone, Circus Skills. * Lunch. * Interview space will be set up for young people to be interviewed about the day so far, their thoughts on key issues generally and what their highlight has been. |
| 12:45-13:15 | Workshop 2:   * When they register, young people will select 3 workshops from the list of 6 categories (see Workshops Document). These will be an opportunity for them to tell us what works well, what isn’t working, where the gaps are and what would make life better for them. * These will be facilitated by 1 Youth Worker, 1 Member of Dumfries and Galloway Youth Matters Steering Group and will have 1 Expert Listener. * Groups will be of between 12-15 young people per workshop. |
| 13:15-13:30 | Break:   * Available during this time will be an Instagram Wall, opportunity for young people to design the playlist for the day, Chill-Out Zone, Circus Skills. * Refreshments will also be available. |
| 13:30-14:00 | Workshop 3:   * When they register, young people will select 3 workshops from the list of 6 categories (see Workshops Document). These will be an opportunity for them to tell us what works well, what isn’t working, where the gaps are and what would make life better for them. * These will be facilitated by 1 Youth Worker, 1 Member of Dumfries and Galloway Youth Matters Steering Group and will have 1 Expert Listener. * Groups will be of between 12-15 young people per workshop. |
| 14:00-14:45 | Closing Plenary:   * Reflections from each Expert Listener on what they have heard and what they will do with that information. * Reflections from Finlay MSYP, Bruce Adamson and Compares. * Closing Speech – Youth Matters Steering Group. (10 Mins). * PAMIS I can if You Can Poem |
| 14:45-15:00 | Event Ends:   * ‘Wall of Inequalities’ – throughout the day we build a wall of inequalities or barriers young people with ASN & disabilities face. These will be written down on paper during the closing plenary and youth work staff will then stick these onto the ‘wall’ (a series of large cardboard boxes covered in brick wallpaper.) At the end of the day each delegate will be given a tennis ball to throw at the wall, breaking these inequalities and barriers down. This will be impactful and memorable for all involved. |

Workshop Options

Please see the confirmed Expert Listeners for each of the workshops below. We are still waiting to hear back from other potential Expert Listeners, so there may be more than 1 expert listener per workshop.

1. Housing and Transport – Alan Glasgow, Managing Director of DGHP  
  
2. Head to toe (Heath and Wellbeing) – Valarie White, Director of Public Health D&G NHS  
  
3. Breaking down barriers (Education) – Darren Little, Children Services Manager council  
  
4. Families, Friends, Relationships and sexual health – Helen McAnespie, Befriending  
  
5. Failure? Me? No Way! (Employability and Volunteering) – Elaine Murray-Bell, Disability Employment Advisor for DWP  
Paul Reddish, Chief Exec Volunteering Matters - TBC