

Young Placemakers 2014

Change is constant and so is planning; people's lives don't stand still. We invite you to become a Young Placemaker; an Inspirational Youth Ambassador

Planning Aid Scotland's Young Placemakers' programme aims to create a network of motivated young ambassadors (5th/6th year pupil / college student) to inspire their peers to think about the places where they live and play as well as the future planning of their communities. It encourages and empowers young people to become involved in 'shaping their places' at a local level. Young Placemakers also have a key role as ambassadors for change amongst older generations.

Examples of Young Placemakers in action in 2014 include:

- 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 – and a new plan is currently being prepared. Each Young Placemaker working with TAYplan will be trained by PAS, be given a buddy (mentor) and then design and carry out their own creative project amongst their peer group, as well as participate in community events.
- Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park is also preparing a new Local Development Plan and Young Placemakers will be working with the Park to help find out the views of young people and local residents within the Park, using digital reporting and social media to engage creatively!

Why become a Young Placemaker?

- Great for a young person's CV and personal statement for university application
- Great opportunity to learn new skills and build confidence
- Great chance to increase the young person's network of contacts
- Great opportunity to influence decisions about what happens in their area

Curriculum for Excellence

The work that the Young Placemakers will be involved in is fully aligned to Curriculum for Excellence, in particular Active Citizenship and Employability. It provides an interdisciplinary learning experience and has great potential for project work.

Young Placemaker Application Process

Applicants should submit a statement to PAS (one side of A4) demonstrating why they would make a good Young Placemaker. Criteria for becoming a Young Placemaker include:

- Lively, outgoing, confident, with positive outlook
- Good 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
- Good at problem solving

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