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YOUTH WORK

## Digital Youth Work Conference 11 February 2025 The Barracks Conference Centre, Stirling

### PROGRAMME

9.30	Registration	Coffee and pastries
10.00	Welcome	<b>Hilary Phillips</b> , YouthLink Scotland
10.05	<b>Tim Frew</b> , CEO, YouthLink Scotland	
10.10	<b>Graeme Dey</b> MSP, Minister for Higher Education and Further Education and Minister for Veterans	
10.20	<b>From Football to Forensics: Coaching the Next Generation of Digital Champions</b>  What do football and digital youth work have in common? They both rely on strategy, teamwork, and creativity to achieve big goals! Discover how the Hearts Innovation Centre has been a key contributor to digital youth work, driving innovation with exciting STEM tools and unique approaches to tackling cyber resilience and online safety. Listen to inspiring stories and impactful strategies that spark curiosity and transform young lives in Scotland's ever-evolving digital landscape.	

	<p><b>Ainsley Carnarvon</b> oversees the strategic direction of the Innovation Centre at the Heart of Midlothian Football Club, where he leads pioneering initiatives in STEM education, digital innovation, and youth empowerment.</p>
10.30	<p><b>The Why and How of Cyber Defence</b> Find out why cyber defence actually matters. Learn more about AI, deep fakes and QR code phishing and how it might affect you and the young people you work with. Jordan will share about the latest trends including how to respond.</p> <p><b>Jordan M Schroeder</b> is a cyber security and risk professional and a member of the National Cyber Resilience Advisory Board in Scotland.</p>
10.45	<p><b>Protection young people from online scams and extortion</b></p> <p>Find out about the Safer Internet Day research into children’s online lives, and the free resources available to help young people understand and respond to the threat of online scams and sexual extortion.</p> <p><b>Jess McBeath</b> is an online safety consultant, working with the UK Safer Internet Centre to promote Safer Internet Day in Scotland.</p>
10.50	<p><b>Having conversations with young people about their online lives</b></p> <p>Panel discussion exploring some of the issues facing young people in their online lives and thinking about strategies for exploring them.</p> <p><b>Laura Hills</b>, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde <b>Sarah Robinson Galloway</b>, YouthLink Scotland And others</p>
11.10	Coffee break
11.30	WORKSHOPS (we’ll ask you to select a workshop once you’ve booked)
	<p><b>Workshop 1: Quite Fighting for Likes</b> Find out about the campaign and toolkit ‘Quit Fighting for Likes’ developed in partnership with the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, Medics Against Violence and YouthLink Scotland to support young people to navigate social media safely and prevent violence.</p> <p><b>Emily Beaver</b>, No Knives Better Lives at YouthLink Scotland</p>
	<b>Workshop 2: Make a tiny game</b>

	<p>Come and find out about Tinderbox's approaches for using games design to be creative and collaborative. Learn to use a game-making tool called <a href="#">Bitsy</a>. Make tiny games together! Bitsy is a game-making tool that mixes creating art, stories, poetry, and small amounts of basic programming/game theory to make tiny games.</p> <p>PLEASE BRING A LAPTOP IF YOU CAN</p> <p><b>Luci Holland</b> is a musician, creative, games developer and youth worker at Tinderbox, a creative community of young people, musicians, artists and youth workers.</p>
	<p><b>Workshop 3: Are we co-designing?</b></p> <p>One of the biggest buzzwords in the third sector right now is "co-design," but what is the point of it and how do we know if we're doing it well? Circuit is a co-designed project that aims to establish a national network of pop-up maker spaces for young people with care experience. Presented by the consultants who have built this project and the Project Lead, this session will give an introduction to co-design the big mistakes we made, the wins we are celebrating and how different this project would have been without the voices of young people at the centre of every decision.</p> <p><b>Peter Gilchrist</b>, YMCA Scotland and the Circuit consultants team</p>
	<p><b>Workshop 4: Ahead of the Curve - preparing a future-ready workforce for the digital age</b></p> <p>Drawing on insights from our <i>Routes to Community Success</i> research, this workshop with the NYA digital team will explore key learnings with a particular focus on emerging technologies. The workshop will discuss ways to inspire and equip youth workers to navigate the rapidly changing digital landscape, explore the potential of emerging technologies, and discuss how to adapt to digital issues and trends while ensuring the youth work sector evolves collectively. Come and engage in collaborative discussions and leave with a forward-thinking and future ready mindset.</p> <p><b>Bex Pink</b>, NYA, National Youth Agency, England</p>
12.50	LUNCH
1.30	<p><b>How and why games development matters in the world of youth work.</b></p> <p>Panel discussion.</p> <p><b>Brian Baglow</b> leads the Scottish Games Network. <b>Luci Holland</b> is a youth worker, musician and games creator with Tinderbox Collective. <b>Dr Andrew Reid</b></p>

	is a lecturer in games production at Abertay University.
2.00	WORKSHOPS
	<p><b>Workshop 5: Create Something Amazing!</b> Join an interactive workshop to hear how OYCI and Datakirk got together with Abertay University to work on a digital inclusion project. Find out about the amazing digital games that the young people created as part of the project and discover new resources to use for games development</p> <p><b>Dr Andrew Reid</b>, Abertay University and Include Plus project team</p>
	<p><b>Workshop 6: Using digital tools to support people to stay safe online</b></p> <p>If you work in a role which provides care support to people, you may have found that you are now providing tech support too. This session explores some of the exciting digital tools focussed on online safety, as well as looking at how to use them, and to empower the people you support to stay safe online.</p> <p><b>Michael Chamberlain</b>, LEAD Scotland</p>
	<p><b>Workshop 7: Thrive resources</b></p> <p>Join us to explore how to effectively educate young people on staying safe online and gaining financial literacy skills using the innovative resources offered by NatWest Thrive.</p> <p><b>Becky Ciupka</b>, NatWest</p>
	<p><b>Workshop 8: Digital literacy and the gaps that youth work can fill.</b></p> <p>Join the conversation about the role that youth work can play in supporting all young people to become digitally resilient. Come and explore what the research currently says about gaps in digital inclusion and how the youth work sector can respond. Find out about the Curriculum Review Cycle taking place within Scottish Education and how youth workers can contribute to digital literacy for young people they work with.</p> <p><b>Jamie Dungavell</b>, CLD Officer at Education Scotland</p>
3.15	<p><b>Our future digital youth work lives</b></p> <p>Collective thinking about how digital is influencing our day-to-day work and what the future might look like.</p>

	<b>Dr Alicja Pawluczuk</b> , Digital Youth Work Research Hub, University of Leeds
3.45	Closing remarks, <b>Liz Green</b> , YouthLink Scotland
4.00	FINISH

