

# Community, Volunteering & Employability – “Why Young People Matter”

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**PROJECTSCOTLAND**



**400+**  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
ACROSS SCOTLAND



**150+**  
CHARITY PARTNERS  
ACROSS SCOTLAND



**3 MILLION+**  
VOLUNTEERING HOURS  
SINCE 2005



**76%**  
OF VOLUNTEERS BENEFIT FROM  
THE SUPPORT OF A MENTOR



**65%**  
OF VOLUNTEERS FACE BARRIERS TO  
EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING OR  
FURTHER EDUCATION



**77%**  
OF OUR VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE ON  
TO EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION  
OR TRAINING

# Volunteering bridging the gap

- Volunteering helps connecting young people to their community
- Allow young people to be brave, take risks and try new things
- Skills development and connection



# Youth VIP



- Over 20 young people from across Scotland aged 15-25
- Commissioned by the Scottish government
- Co-design process with YoungScot
- Recommendations on the future of volunteering due spring 2019

## The group identified 6 key stakeholders

- Young people
- Third sector interfaces
- Not for profit
- Business
- Government
- Local government

## Why business?

- Key ally in supporting volunteering
- Benefit directly from the skills and experience young people develop through volunteering
- Young people are very aware of the role business plays in the community

# Walking the talk – involving Young people in internal structures

At ProjectScotland we have a strong history of supporting intergenerational working through mentoring and placements.

We are are now looking at how we engage young people in our internal processes

**HR**

**Evaluation**

**Organisational  
development  
and strategy**