

Our story so far ...

Foreword by Assistant Chief Constable Derek Robertson – Chair PSYV Programme Board

Police Scotland's overarching purpose is to improve the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Scotland. We believe that how we deliver policing influences the trust and confidence people have in us. The **Police Scotland Youth Volunteers (PSYV)** project demonstrates our consideration of more proactive and preventative ways of deepening our engagement with young people. It places young people as part of the solution to building safer communities in Scotland. Thanks to continued support from the Scottish Government the pilot summarised here has inspired us to continue to work with our partners and roll out PSYV to other areas in the coming months.

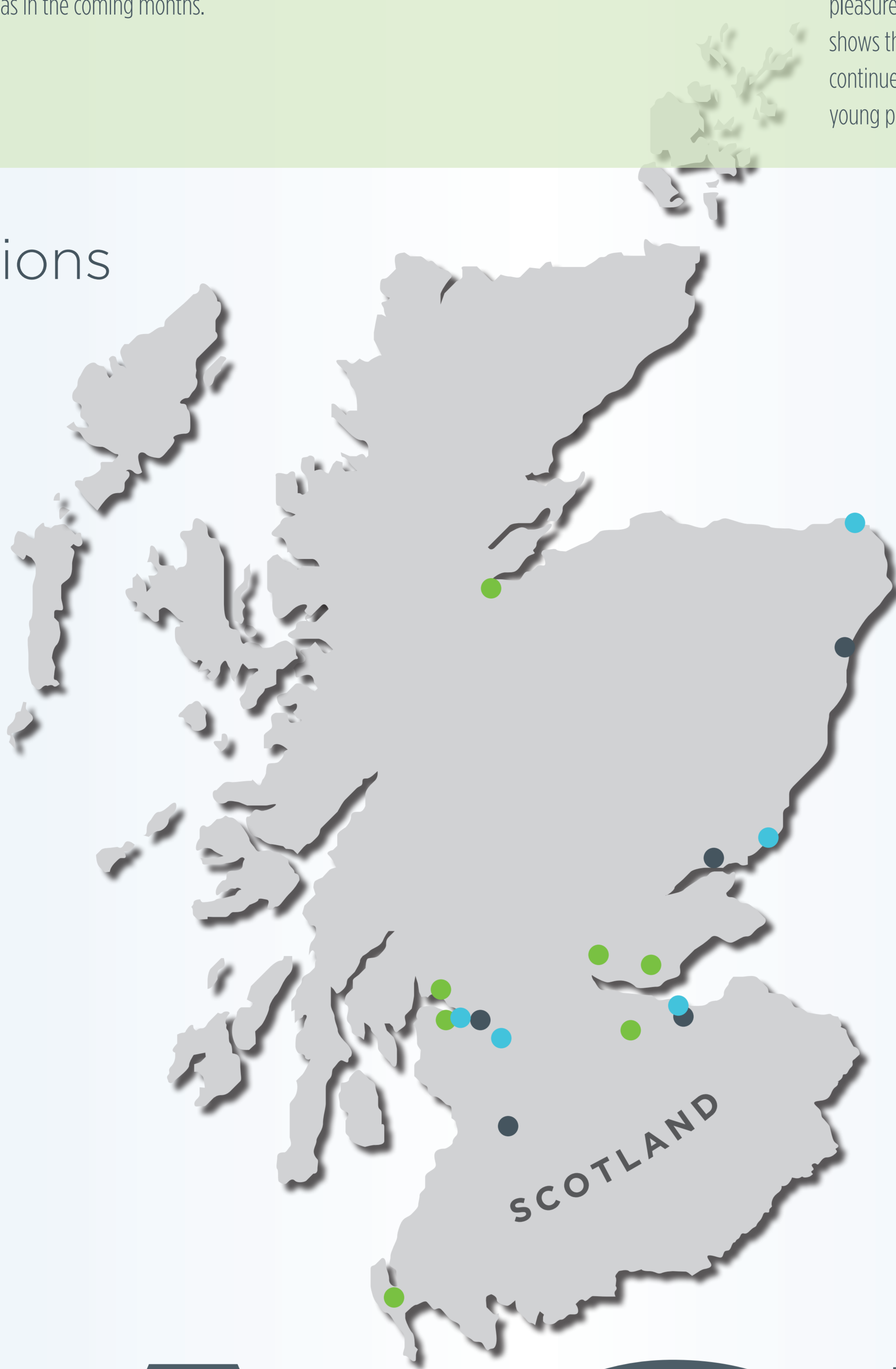
Foreword by Superintendent Kate Stephen – National Lead PSYV

We see Police Scotland Youth Volunteers as a positive step in combining the assets of Police Scotland and our local communities. It helps Police Scotland reduce risks of offending, but with the added benefits for young people of improving learning and skills; providing preparation for employment and becoming active and responsible citizens. We look forward to observing future developments as the project builds on its achievements so far.

Foreword by Inspector Craig Rankine, National Programme Manager PSYV

Setting up Police Scotland Youth Volunteers in such a short space of time could never have been possible without the valuable support from our partners Young Scot and YouthLink Scotland along with our colleagues in the Volunteer Police Cadet scheme (VPC) in England. We should also commend the first group in Cumnock for getting started and setting the standards which other pilots in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow duly followed. We are proud of the ways our officers, adult leaders and youth volunteers rose to every challenge, particularly in response to the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. It is a pleasure to be able to share this summary of the pilot, which shows that through combined effort and commitment we can continue to offer these incredible opportunities to many more young people across Scotland.

PSYV locations



ORIGINAL LOCATIONS

- Glasgow
- Aberdeen
- Edinburgh
- Cumnock
- Dundee

NEW LOCATIONS

- Inverness
- Dunfermline
- Paisley
- Clackmannanshire
- Stranraer
- Dumbarton
- Bathgate

COMING SOON

- Motherwell
- Fraserburgh
- Glasgow East
- Edinburgh North
- Arbroath

FACTS & FIGURES

110

110 young people were recruited to the pilot of PSYV (43 Male and 67 Female)

- Of those:
- 34% live in circumstances where there is a higher exposure to multiple deprivation.
 - 24% have experience of crime or are at risk of getting involved in offending or anti-social behaviour.
 - 18% have an ethnic minority background, and
 - 5% have a long term illness or disability



108

108 young people have completed the full 12 week training, marked by a 'passing out' ceremony at Tulliallan Scottish Police College.

81%

81% (74) of youth volunteers achieved a Saltire Award in recognition of their volunteering and 19 other awards were made including The ACVO Challenge Award in Aberdeen; the Dundee group won the Evening Telegraph Spirit Award in the Uniformed Services category and were nominated for the Radio Tay Award for outstanding contribution to the community, participants in Edinburgh completed an accredited First Aid course and in Interfaith training course, and 12 of the Glasgow volunteers used their work in PSYV towards Duke of Edinburgh's Awards at school.

Police Scotland seconded a Inspector to act as the full-time Programme Manager.

5

5 Coordinators were appointed (one for each pilot group) from within Police Scotland to organise the day to day operations in local areas.

£123,000

The Scottish Government has awarded PSYV £123,000 to roll out the programme to another 9 areas, covering all 14 police divisions Scotland wide.

44

44 adult leaders were recruited from Police Scotland and the general public



36

36 adult volunteers completed the two-day youth leadership training facilitated by YouthLink Scotland.

3,500 HRS

Over 3,500 volunteering hours were accumulated at the Commonwealth Games

9,000 HRS

Almost 9000 hours of volunteering were undertaken

EXTERNAL AWARD WINNERS

GLASGOW

2014 Glasgow Community Champion Award

DUNDEE

Winner of the 2015 Evening Telegraph the Uniformed Services Community Spirit Award

CUMNOCK

9 young volunteers awarded the South Ayrshire Council certificate for volunteer contribution

ABERDEEN

8 young volunteers awarded ACVO Challenge award

Breakdown by area

EDINBURGH

- 46% Males
- 54% Females
- 21% At risk of poverty
- 17% Experiencing social exclusion
- 17% Ethnic Minority
- 13% Disabled
- 0% Substance use/misuse
- 8% Exposed/vulnerable to crime/offending

GLASGOW

- 45% Males
- 55% Females
- 100% At risk of poverty
- 0% Experiencing social exclusion
- 20% Ethnic Minority
- 15% Disabled
- 0% Substance use/misuse
- 100% Exposed/vulnerable to crime/offending

ABERDEEN

- 50% Males
- 50% Females
- 25% At risk of poverty
- 8% Experiencing social exclusion
- 8% Ethnic Minority
- 0% Disabled
- 0% Substance use/misuse
- 17% Exposed/vulnerable to crime/offending

DUNDEE

- 17% Males
- 83% Females
- 13% At risk of poverty
- 4% Experiencing social exclusion
- 0% Ethnic Minority
- 0% Disabled
- 0% Substance use/misuse
- 0% Exposed/vulnerable to crime/offending

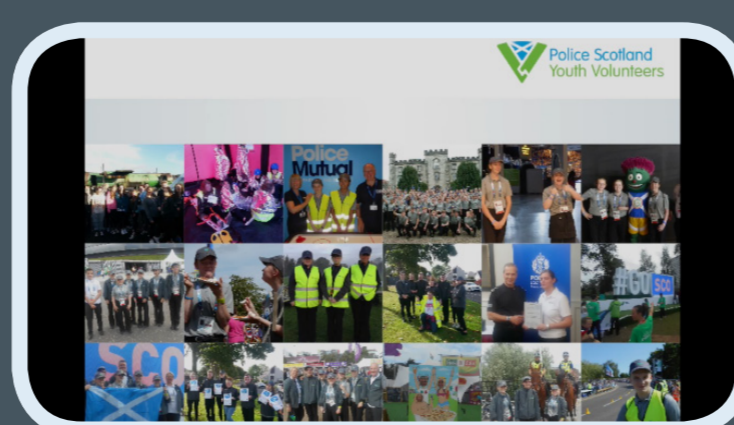
CUMNOCK

- 37% Males
- 63% Females
- 16% At risk of poverty
- 16% Experiencing social exclusion
- 5% Ethnic Minority
- 0% Disabled
- 11% Substance use/misuse
- 0% Exposed/vulnerable to crime/offending

SALTIRE AWARDS

- 0% Edinburgh
- 100% Glasgow
- 88% Aberdeen
- 61% Dundee
- 100% Cumnock

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