

• Killin Youth Project

Four years of growth, community & commitment

- **Celebrating our young people, our community and the team behind Killin Youth.**



• Killin Youth Today

- 47 young people aged 8–18
- 4 staff members
- Weekly youth sessions
- Activities shaped around young people
- A consistent, welcoming place to belong



• Why Our Work Matters

- Killin is a rural community with distance, transport and fewer youth-focused spaces.
- Killin Youth provides a local place to meet, build friendships, try new things, access support and feel connected.
- Consistency matters — especially during evenings, holidays and times of transition.



• A Place That Belongs to Young People

- Young people help shape activities and suggest ideas.
- Staff provide structure, encouragement and support.
- Young people influence how the project develops.
- Participation is flexible — young people choose when and how they take part.
- The result is a space that feels relevant, welcoming and genuinely youth-led.



• Four Years of Growth

- From a small local group to an established part of village life.
- Growing participation and stronger relationships.
- More young people taking responsibility and contributing to the community.
- A growing network of local partnerships and shared activity.
- Greater confidence, connection and belonging.



• Young People Making a Difference

- **Community Garden** — young people help maintain, develop and organise it.
- **Annual Senior Citizens Burns Supper** — young people help plan, host, perform, cook and organise.
- **Growing Connections** — working alongside retirement-home residents through seasonal activities.
- **Youth-Led Art Club** — an idea developed by older young people and supported by staff.



● Connecting Generations

- Young people are visible and involved in community life.
- Intergenerational activities create relationships between younger and older residents.
- The community garden and seasonal projects create shared spaces and experiences.
- Young people are recognised as contributors to Killin today — not just the future.



•The Difference We See

- **Growing confidence**
- **Stronger friendships**
- **Communication and resilience**
- **Taking responsibility**
- **Greater connection to the village**
- **A stronger sense of belonging**



• Our Staff Team

- 4 dedicated staff members
- Experience across youth work, community engagement, outdoor activities and creative facilitation.
- Consistent adults who build trusted relationships.
- A team that understands rural isolation and the needs of local young people.
- Professional, creative, reliable and committed to the community.

- Showing up consistently.
- Building relationships over time.
- Creating opportunities from young people's ideas.
- Supporting young people to take the lead.
- Working creatively and practically.
- Connecting youth work with the wider community.

• More Than a Youth Project

- **Local Golf Club** — support to make activities more welcoming to young people.
- **Youth Angling** — guidance on reducing barriers and creating youth-friendly opportunities.
- **Hangout 84/85** — sharing rural youth-work experience and support.
- **Retirement home, community garden and local events.**
- **Other rural communities have connected with Killin Youth to learn from its experience.**



• Part of KAT

- Killin Youth is one of the projects of Killin & Ardeonaig Community Development Trust.
- Strong local connections and knowledge of the community.
- Organisational support, governance and long-term stability.
- A wider network for collaboration, learning and community development.



• Our Community

- Young people are part of Killin's community now.
- Youth work creates connection, participation and contribution.
- Young people are increasingly visible in community activities and local projects.
- The work strengthens relationships between young people, families and the wider village.



• Looking Ahead

- Keep providing a consistent, welcoming youth service.
- Continue creating opportunities for young people to lead.
- Strengthen intergenerational and community connections.
- Keep developing partnerships across the village and surrounding area.
- Keep young people at the heart of the project.



• Thank You

- **To our young people.**
- **To families and the wider community.**
- **To volunteers and partner organisations.**
- **And especially to the staff team whose dedication makes the work happen.**