



# Eilean Siar



**£8,473**

funding delivered  
in 2023-24



**50**

young people supported  
in 2023-24

The following CashBack partners aim to support young people in Eilean Siar in this funding period (2023-26):

- Access to Industry
- Ocean Youth Trust Scotland
- Youth Scotland

Read on for project details and case studies. Visit the [Eilean Siar](#) impact page on our website for a breakdown of project activities and spending by year.



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# Partners supporting young people in Eilean Siar



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## Access to Industry

**CashBack Passport** provides skills-based employability training and one to one holistic support to young people aged 16-25 residing in HMP YOI Polmont and in communities across Scotland. Enables young people to gain skills regardless of length of sentence or nature of offence.



## Ocean Youth Trust Scotland

**On Board with CashBack** is a programme aimed at changing the attitudes and behaviours of young people aged 12-25 most at risk of being involved in the justice system. Each young person participates in group work, outdoor education, and youth work aboard a 70ft yacht.



## Youth Scotland

**Generation CashBack** is run with Scouts Scotland, Girlguiding Scotland, and the Boys' Brigade. The programme supports disadvantaged young people to benefit from community-based youth work through group work ('Grow') and leadership and peer mentoring ('Lead').



Image: Ocean Youth Trust Scotland



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## Case study: Olivia's story

### *Ocean Youth Trust Scotland*

OYTS's On Board with CashBack project aims to support young people (12-25) most at risk of being involved in the justice system through outdoor education and youth work aboard a yacht.

Olivia (15) lives in a deprived area of a rural island community. She rarely attended school, used drugs, and was involved with police and social work for petty crimes and anti-social behaviour.

At first, Olivia struggled to focus, which was disruptive for the group. **Her behaviour shifted as soon as she arrived on the boat.** She was positive, interested, and engaged well with the team. She took to maths-related tasks and supported other.

"I think I was one of the hardest working on the boat and I'm proud of that. I feel like I have learned a lot from this trip and I am happy I got offered to come."

After the voyage, Olivia's teachers were encouraged to hear about the changes in her behaviour, and her desire to pursue a career in construction - she had not shared that desire with any adult in her life before.





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# Young Islanders Network

## *Youth Scotland*

Generation CashBack is run by Youth Scotland, Scouts Scotland, Girlguiding Scotland and the Boys' Brigade. The project supports disadvantaged young people in Eilean Siar and across Scotland to benefit from community-based youth work.

Youth Scotland have established a Young Islanders Network, partially funded by CashBack. The group coordinates activities for youth groups across the islands.

Find out more about the [Young Islanders Network](#)>>

Relationships with local stakeholders are important to identify areas where young people are at risk of involvement with the justice system and offer support.

"I feel like it teaches a lot of people respect... because it gives you responsibility as well. It shows you how to do stuff, how to be self-sustaining and capable of going out and doing something, and if you don't know how to do it, capable of going out and learning how to do that."

*Young participant*



Image: Youth Scotland