



# North Ayrshire



**£260,998**

funding delivered  
in 2023-24



**1,035**

young people supported  
in 2023-24

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

- Access to Industry
- Barnardo's Scotland
- Celtic FC Foundation
- Impact Arts
- Ocean Youth Trust Scotland
- Rangers Charity Foundation
- Scottish Football Association
- Scottish Sports Futures
- The National Autistic Society
- Venture Trust
- YDance (Scottish Youth Dance)
- Youth Scotland

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



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## Partners supporting young people in North Ayrshire



### 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.



### Barnardo's Scotland

HEAD2WORK Through CashBack is an integrated personal development, health, and employability project for young people aged 14-21.



### Celtic FC Foundation

CashBack Gateway to Opportunities is a bespoke wellbeing and personal development project. It engages young people aged 16-24 from a variety of backgrounds who are at risk of (re)offending or those living in the most deprived areas to progress to positive destinations.



### Impact Arts

CashBack to the Future provides young people in Scotland's most disadvantaged communities with opportunities to participate in fun, creative activities to support them to develop skills and improve their wellbeing. Includes visual arts, performance, and music-making.



### 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.



### Rangers Charity Foundation

CashBack - Towards New Futures is a person-centred employability and re-engagement programme for young people who recently left prison or are at risk of involvement in the justice system. Supports integration back into community and progress to positive destinations.



### Scottish Football Association

CashBack Achieving Goals uses the 'Power of Football' to provide routes to learn, build confidence and skills, volunteer, and gain qualifications. Includes tailored 'Football Champions' (P5-P7) and 'Football Leaders' (S3-S5) strands in areas of social deprivation to gain skills and leadership.



### Scottish Sports Futures

CashBack Changing Lives provides a range of programmes in areas of multiple deprivation to deliver multisport and youth work programmes to improve young lives. Includes street work, programmes for young people who are disengaged from education, and volunteering opportunities.



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### **The National Autistic Society**

**Moving Forward+ with CashBack** supports autistic children and young people, through one to one and group work, to build confidence and improve their resilience and mental health. Aimed at children not engaged in school (10-15) or not engaged in education, training, or employment (16-25).

### **venturetrust Venture Trust**

**CashBack Green Futures** is a trauma-informed, needs-led, employability service for disadvantaged young people. Provides community and one to one support, including developmental and environmental activities. Builds core skills through outdoor adventure activities.



### **YDance (Scottish Youth Dance)**

**CashBack on Track** uses dance to nurture the development and wellbeing of young people aged 10-25. Strands include programmes for care experienced young people, community diversion, young offenders in HMP YO1 Polmont, and young parents/carers and family members.



### **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').



## Case study: N's story

### *The National Autistic Society (NAS)*

NAS's Moving Forward+ supports young people in North Ayrshire. It is for autistic young people aged 10-15 who are not engaging with school, or aged 16-25 who are not in education, employment, or training.

"I'm N, I'm from North Ayrshire and I'm 22 years old and autistic! My favourite things are music, Coronation Street and Strictly Come Dancing.

Before Moving Forward+, I had lost confidence due to a bad experience at work. I was also experiencing health issues preventing me from working. All of this led to me having anxiety about the next chapter in my life.

I set goals of managing my stress and anxiety, and securing employment or voluntary opportunities. I met with my support worker every week, where we worked on topics which were relevant to me.

Through working on the programme, I am now feeling healthy and strong, and in remission from ulcerative colitis! My confidence has improved, I can now go on the bus by myself and face possible issues without as much anxiety."

*"I have now secured voluntary work within my old school and I am loving it."*



Image: National Autistic Society



# Case study: Callum, Oliver and Jack

## *Youth Scotland*

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

Generation CashBack supported the Boys' Brigade to start weekly chanter sessions. Callum (14), Oliver (12) and Jack (11) have been taking part for over a year: "It's different opportunities. It's something to do, instead of sitting in the house... it gets you out and you meet new people."

*"[It's] education, but stuff that school wouldn't teach you."*

Callum was also supported to attend Cumbrae Camp: "You meet loads of new people and do good activities." Between camp and the lessons, he felt he has improved his leadership skills: "I would say that we've also learned a lot about the community."



*Image: Youth Scotland*

They share that the lasting friendships and having a safe space, outside of school, made the biggest difference.

*"You would have a different sense of the community... I would have never done this ever if I wasn't involved with the Boys' Brigade."*