

New Phase, New Beginnings: First Edition of 26/27 Newsletter

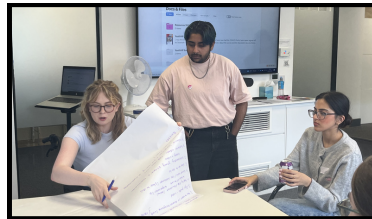
June YouthVIP Panel Session

2 weeks ago, we had our first in-person YouthVIP panel session of the new phase at the YS offices in Edinburgh - welcoming YouthVIP panel members old and new. The young people in attendance were able to;

- give their thoughts on new proposed branding for the Saltire awards
- film content for YouthVIP and Young Scot channels
- do a deep dive on the YouthVIP website and share their feedback
- consider their own goals for the phase, and identify potential areas for personal development

The YouthVIP panel also considered the creation of resources, with the goal being to provide tools for organisations who are offering or thinking of offering volunteer opportunities to better support young people, help with recruitment, and understand the needs of young people when they are volunteering.

The YouthVIP panel's involvement was outstanding; sharing incredible insights and getting stuck into every task! Such a busy session also meant the capture of some fabulous content, so keep an eye out on our website for an exclusive look into the work of the YouthVIP panel coming soon.



YouthVIP Website

We have made some exciting new updates to our YouthVIP website in the past few weeks, the most noticeable being a new section - "YouthVIP in Action"! This new section aims to provide a glimpse into our impact. From behind-the-scenes looks at the work of the panel, insights from YouthVIP panel members, and our involvement and work within wider communities and networks.

Click the icon to visit our website and see the new section!



Schools' Resource

Our Youth Volunteering in Schools Resource has also had a refresh recently! Now available on both the YouthVIP and YouthLink websites, the new adaptable resource connects ideas, practices, and approaches around youth volunteering in schools, complete with insights from young people.



Click the button to take a look at the newly revamped resource!

Our Recent Activity

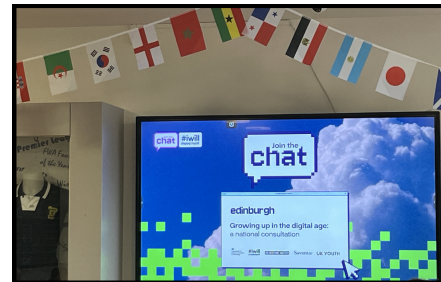
Volunteers Week 2026 was a packed one for the YouthVIP Consortium!

Tuesday

Fraser popped along to Bathgate Academy to support their senior pupil's induction programme. Along with various other avenues of opportunities for these amazing young people, YouthVIP were able to talk about the fantastic world of volunteering and what it could look like for their future development, a very productive day!

Wednesday

On Wednesday, YouthVIP were in attendance at an #iwill hack at Spartans in Edinburgh. YouthVIP staff assisted with facilitating and working with tables of young people on activities, alongside capturing content across the day. The event had a fantastic turnout, and was a great day overall!



Thursday



On Thursday we were fully-booked up which meant we saw Sara & Gemma attending the Third Sector Leader Conference with WDCVS ...and Fraser attending Fife's Voluntary Development Summit with Fife Voluntary Action.

YouthVIP had a presence at the Third Sector Leadership Conference hosted by West Dunbartonshire Community and Volunteering Services (WDCVS). An overview of our research report findings, interactive sessions, and a Q&A helped to contextualise the current volunteering landscape for attendees and was very well received!

YouthVIP presented at Fife Voluntary Action's 'Volunteering Development Summit'. Fraser was able to talk about all of the great work that the YouthVIP panel have been involved in, the 'Community of Practice' pilot and of course celebrate the outstanding success FVA have seen with their development of volunteering for young people in High Schools in Fife. The messages were strong and the feedback very positive.



Volunteer Scotland Roundtable

YouthVIP support-hosted a young person's perspective for Volunteer Scotland in the 'Bridging the Participation Gap' roundtable series.

The roundtables captured views from volunteers, the practice community (volunteer-involving organisations, their volunteer managers, volunteer development leads and supporting staff, employers, infrastructure bodies and suppliers) and enablers (policymakers, rule makers and funders)..

This report presents thematic findings from the 'Bridging the Participation Gap' roundtable series hosted by Volunteer Scotland between November 2025 and March 2026.



Click the icon to view the report



The start of the new phase of the project has already been filled with so many incredible moments, insights, events, and milestones - and we're only just getting started! We thank you for your continued interest, engagement, and support with the project, and can't wait to tell you what we got up to next!

The YouthVIP Team