

Case Study

Youth Interventions (SCIO)

Youth Interventions (SCIO) is a new social enterprise that provides intervention activities for young people in the Renfrewshire area, with a unique focus on behavioural change.

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**Iain Cunningham,
Third sector
development officer**

Engage Renfrewshire is a third sector interface (TSI); this means that we support local charities and other not-for-profit groups, so that they can do even more of what they're good at. We empower organisations to be safe, resourceful and effective, and to grow and develop their services – meaning our communities are inclusive and aspirational.

Based in Renfrewshire and established in May 2016, Youth Interventions is a charitable organisation created solely to meet the emotional wellbeing needs of young adolescents. Youth Interventions provide a service whereby young people can access emotional support and guidance which supports them in positive behavioural changes and personal empowerment.

Youth Interventions is not a charity that has been set up to tackle poverty, but to assist young people in breaking any cycle that is harmful to their development. They believe good emotional wellbeing, self-belief and personal empowerment are crucial for this. They support people to attend their services by a combination of personal one to one visits, allocating finances for transport, or escorting them to the workshops and events (for example if anxiety is high and/or debilitating).

Engage Renfrewshire is currently supporting and working with Youth Interventions on a variety of service delivery elements, including partnerships with public, private and third sector organisations. These include:

- Social Enterprise development workshops
- Private sector community benefits via procurement
- Third sector funding streams
- Statutory body funding streams

Iain Cunningham, Third Sector Development Officer at Engage said: "Youth Interventions are a relatively new emerging social enterprise and their services have already made a positive impact on local young people within the school environment. Youth Interventions are now developing community based youth clubs to expand their work; their commitment and dedication are an example of what can be achieved when you stick to your objectives and goals."

Louise founder of Youth Interventions said: "Thanks to Iain at Engage for sticking with us over the past two years and for giving us the tools and confidence to get SCIO registered, we are now at the service delivery stage! We can't thank Engage enough for their continued support including opportunities to promote Youth Interventions via their e-alerts to Renfrewshire's Third Sector Network, Social Enterprise Network directory and Community Planning Partners".

Interested in finding out more? Youth Interventions can be contacted at louise@youthinterventions.co.uk or 07799 952 937 or visit www.youthinterventions.co.uk

Existing Social Enterprise? Do you want the same support and opportunities? Why not join the SE Network directory? <https://www.engagerenfrewshire.com/files/3314/9189/9940/SEN-Form.pdf>

Engage Renfrewshire can help you make your vision a reality. If you would like to find out more about how to develop your own social enterprise idea contact the Community and Voluntary Action Team on info@engagerenfrewshire.com or 0141 887 7707