

## Site

South Lanarkshire Council – Children & Justice Services

## Name of project / initiative

Inclusion as Prevention

## Overview

“Inclusion as prevention” is a five-year project bringing a collaborative approach to developing and improving services for young people in the area. The project focuses on services to improve social inclusion and help prevent and divert young people from involvement in criminal activity – with a particular emphasis on early intervention and meeting a wider range of potentially criminogenic need.

The approach brings together four core partner agencies: South Lanarkshire Children & Justice Services; Action for Children; the Children and Young People’s Centre for Justice; and Dartington Service Design Lab. At the heart of the approach is the involvement of young people themselves in helping to identify unmet needs, and design, develop and constantly improve the range of services on offer to more effectively engage them and help address their needs.

While the project itself is funded for five years, the expectation is that the learning from it, and principles underpinning it, will continue beyond that time.

## Longevity

“Inclusion as prevention” launched in 2019 and is funded until 2024.

## Benefits

The project aims improve services for young people, to meet a wider range of needs, and achieve higher levels of engagement and impact – with the ultimate goal of more effectively promoting social inclusion, and diverting and preventing young people from criminality.

## Uniqueness

We are not aware of similar projects taking place elsewhere in this form.

## Applicability

This approach, and the learning from it, could be applied in any youth justice setting.

## Requirements

While “inclusion as prevention” has benefited from Lottery funding, the learning from it, and principles underlying it, could be applied elsewhere without significant additional resources. However, additional resources may be required to implement some of the specific services being developed, and if a similar project were to be undertaken elsewhere.

## For more information:

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