

Young People win £3000 for VSS



A team of S2 pupils from Portlethen Academy won £3,000 for Victim Support Scotland in Aberdeenshire last week as part of the [Youth Philanthropy Initiative](#).

The [Youth Philanthropy Initiative](#) is an active citizenship programme that raises awareness amongst young people about philanthropy and their local community. Each participating school is responsible for directing a £3000 YPI Grant each year to a local charity through a programme of team work, research and competition.

Member of staff, Alison Stewart, met with the team to talk about the work we do and kept in touch as they developed their project. The funds will be used for personal alarms, house safety alarms etc. in Aberdeen and the surrounding area.

Alison attended the groups presentation. “They really did our charity proud. I was so proud of the fantastic team that represented Victim Support Scotland comprising of Keir McKechnie, Taylor Lumsden, Calum Graham & Alyssa Hay. They competed in the final against another 5 very worthwhile local charities. The six presentations were all very good. Our team did an excellent presentation of the work done by Victim Support Scotland and acted out a real scenario for the audience. The team did all this without any notes and it was so obvious that they put so much time and work into this project.”

Mrs Copner from Portlethen Academy was positive about the experience. “YPI is a valuable opportunity for our young people to become engaged in social issues and to take their ideas forward and Alyssa, Keir, Calum and Taylor are testament to the hard work and dedication of pupils in S2 who have worked on the project.”

A number of teams around Scotland have chosen Victim Support Scotland as their charity over the last few months, and several are doing well in their schools’ competitions. This helps raise awareness of Victim Support’s Scotland in communities across Scotland.

Congratulations to Keir, Taylor, Calum and Alyssa, and a huge thank you to the team and everyone involved at Portlethen Academy.