



The Citadel Youth Centre

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The Citadel Youth Centre is a voluntary youth organisation that has been providing youth work services and support for children, young people and families since 1980 in the wider Leith area. The Citadel is managed by its Management Committee made up of local parents, professionals and stakeholders. In addition to the core staff team, a committed group of volunteer staff support the open youth club programme.

Citadel services respond directly to the needs expressed by children, young people and their parents/carers in the local community linking into a network of local agencies including schools, social work, health services and community groups. Services fall into three broad categories as follows:

- **Open Access Youth Clubs:** The Citadel provides an exciting programme of activities for three different age ranges from 6 to 21, and a Girls only club. Dependent on funding, club members also have the opportunity to take part in residential weekends and other special projects throughout the year. A summer programme is offered during the school summer holidays.
- **Individual Support:** The Citadel offers individual support for a number of young people through allocating a member of staff as their 'keyworker'. In partnership with the young person and other relevant individuals (teacher, social worker etc.), a work plan is agreed which provides the focus for the work. Young people can refer themselves for individual support, or can be referred by their school, social worker or other professional.
- **Groups and Projects:** The Citadel provides a variety of opportunities for young people in the community to come together to explore common issues in small groups. The focus of these groups is determined by our assessment of the needs of the community as well as available sources of funding for specific projects. Current projects at the Citadel are:-
 - Girls and Young Womens Project (Children In Need)
 - Young Volunteer Project (Robertson Trust, Gannochy Trust)
 - 'Futureheads' Employability project (CEC City Development)
 - Junior Support Group (CEC Early Intervention)
 - Intergenerational Cafe (Big Lottery Young Start)
 - Citadel Families Project (Early Years Change Fund)