AFYD

Angling For Youth Development

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Mission Statement:

Angling in all its forms is a great leveller, because it builds bridges across social and economic divides.

It can help develop a young person's motivation, skills, self confidence, social care, personal enterprise, and promote physical exercise and good health. It can also lead to the development of a more responsible lifestyle.

It is a useful educational tool, in that the sport calls for knowledge of science, geology, geography, natural and social history.

It can provide employment opportunities and assist in a community's economic growth.

Angling can also address social problems by reducing crime, truancy, and anti-social behaviour, thereby helping to create safer and more caring communities.

It can be a positive, pro-active, and creative force for the improvement of both our social and natural environments.

These are some of the reasons why angling is important to society, and why AFYD is so important to us all.

Aims and Objectives

Our Aim is:

To offer young people of all backgrounds and abilities opportunities to participate in the sport of angling, thereby improving their quality of life.

Our Objectives are to:

Allow the participants a chance to enjoy the sport of angling.

Provide safety awareness through education and good practice.

Develop young people's skills and self-confidence.

Encourage responsible and positive participation within the sport and the community

Raise awareness of all participants of environmental issues related to the countryside through angling.

Provide instruction of the highest quality in angling techniques and fishing etiquette.

Support any participant wishing to obtain recognised qualifications in angling and angling related subjects.

Divert people away from anti-social behaviour and thereby reduce crime and create safer communities.

Who are we?

Based in Scotland, AFYD is a non profit making initiative operated by the Police and public sector agencies in partnership with voluntary sector organisations

In 2005/06 we provided the project consultant who designed the Scottish National Angling Programme, a programme that has been accepted by every commercial and non commercial angling interest in Scotland as the way ahead for our sport.

Who do we work with?

Partnerships, comprising of Police and public sector agencies in partnership with voluntary sector organisations, i.e. The Scottish Anglers National Association, Local Angling Clubs, Local Education Authorities, Voluntary Youth Organisations, & the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency.

What do we do?

AFYD is a powerful educational and vocational training tool, whilst our programmes are very much angling based, we have designed and are continually developing a range of inter changeable modules to create programmes for teaching people about the sport and our environment. We operate from our own sites and our courses are designed to compliment the curriculum in both Primary and Secondary Education. We work very closely with local education authorities to ensure a high standard of course delivery both in the classroom and on the river bank and in Scotland represent the Trout in the Classroom U.K. project. **We even take the participants fishing!**

Our courses consist of:

- ❖ **Trout in the Classroom & Environmental Studies (Primary Education)**
- ❖ **Game Angling,**
- ❖ **Game Angling Science,**
- ❖ **Fishery Management**
- ❖ **Habitat & Environmental Management.**

How to join AFYD

When a partnership group applies to join AFYD it requires the support of the Police and Local Authority from where it will be based. We will assist in providing presentations and information to those interested parties and if everything is approved we will arrange for the new AFYD teams training, provide a full copy of our courses modular lesson notes, with their complimentary power point presentations, a specialist speakers/instructors contacts list, a child protection policy, participant contracts, disclosure applications, and generic risk assessments.

We also provide equipment lists and supplier's information, funding source information and offer public liability and employer's liability insurance for participating AFYD groups enrolled in the programme.

We encourage AFYD groups to operate their own training sites and we will assist them in the design, planning, and proposed development stages of them if so required. We arrange competitions between the participating AFYD groups for both the instructional teams and the course participants and believe in regular shared information exchanges between the groups.

What is said about us!

"To say we are impressed with the thoughtful and intelligent way this initiative has been developed and extended into five courses, covering both primary and secondary education, would be an understatement.
The authors of this much enlarged and improved initiative, are to be commended for their production of an excellent vocational programme, which will, without any doubt, improve not only the quality of life of our youth, but enable them to gain the knowledge and experience to increase their potential and acquire the necessary skills to smooth their journey through their early years".

James R. Picken,
President & Chairman,
Scottish Anglers National Association Ltd.

The benefits of AFYD are:

Participants
- ❖ Improved motivation
- ❖ Skills acquisition
- ❖ Increased self confidence
- ❖ Improved communication skills
- ❖ Improved and responsible lifestyle.
- ❖ Employment opportunities

Education
- ❖ Reduced truancy
- ❖ Improved behaviour
- ❖ Alternative route to return to education
- ❖ Vocational qualifications
- ❖ Life long learning

Society
- ❖ Reduced anti-social behaviour
- ❖ Community involvement
- ❖ Improved environment
- ❖ Economic development

Angling
- ❖ New membership recruitment
- ❖ Awareness of fish welfare
- ❖ Better anglers
- ❖ Improved fisheries

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